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HONEY - NO. 135

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of December):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Recent rains have broken a drouth of many months' duration. With other normal rains a good 1924 crop of sage may be expected. Button sage reported making good growth already and looking promising for 1924; other plants less encouraging in the orange belt, but outlook said to be good in Imperial Valley. Some pollen being secured from cover crops under cultivation, eucalyptus and willow. Heavy loss of bees has already occurred from disease, neglect and lack of stores. Bees in good shape are wintering very well; those that are short of stores seem very restless.

Most stocks of honey are now out of beekeepers' hands. Very few sales reported. Carlots of Light Amber Alfalfa have sold recently in Imperial Valley at 8-8½¢ per lb. Beeswax is bringing the beekeeper 20-25¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Owing to the mild weather, bees have been wintering well, and have had frequent flights. They are consuming more stores than normal. White extracted is quoted at 10-10½¢ per lb. in carlots (some asking up to 12½¢), ton lots mostly 11¢, single 60s 11-13½¢, and small pails 13-16¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Weather has become colder, but where plenty of feed was left bees appear to be wintering well. Inquiry has fallen off somewhat during the past two weeks (although interest is still evident in both the East and California), due to the holidays and approaching inventory period. A comparatively light demand is looked for until the middle of January, when jobbers and bottlers may be ready to replenish their stocks. Extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa (with some Light Amber at same prices) have sold in carlots at 8¢, 9¢, 9¼¢, 9½¢ and 10¢ per lb., ton lots 8-10¢, and small pails, wholesale. 12½-13¢. Most carlot holders are asking 10¢ per lb.

Comb honey is getting well cleaned up. Several cars white comb sold for $5.00 per case for No. 1, $4.50 for No. 2, $4.00 for off-grade. Carlots Amber to White quoted at $4.50 per case for fancy, $4.25 for No. 1 and $4.00 for No. 2. Beeswax has sold at 24¢ per lb. cash or 25¢ in trade. Crop outlook for 1924 considered promising. Encouraged by this year's prices it is said that many beekeepers are planning a larger production next season.

ARIZONA POINTS: Abundant rain gives promise of a good season in 1924 in both the mountains and desert ranges from mesquite, catclaw and other wild honey plants. Coloniesare in good shape, although the warm winter is causing too much early brood. Bees are carrying in pollen now. Little honey left. One car sold recently at 8½¢ per lb. for White Catclaw and Mesquite, 7¢ per lb. for Dark Amber Mountain Flowers.

TEXAS POINTS: Exceptionally heavy fall and winter rains should insure a good 1924 crop of honey. Horsemint plants are unusually promising and prospects are for an early flow. Brood-rearing in many colonies is further depleting the stores, which are getting light in some colonies. Demand good but little honey available. Few sales extracted reported at 11-13¢ per lb., and bulk comb at 13-15¢ per lb., depending on the container. Beeswax quoted at 23-28¢ per lb. for light and 21-23¢ per lb. for dark.

PLAINS AREA: Bees which bred up late are wintering well but consuming lots of feed. Few sales Light Amber extracted reported in ton lots at 8-10¢ per lb. White Clover in small pails has sold in large lots at 12-15¢ per lb. Beeswax has sold at 25-26¢ per lb. A large increase in sweet clover acreage is expected in North Dakota next season.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Warm weather has permitted frequent late flights. Recent rains have kept the clover in generally good condition but lack of snow is considered unfavorable if it should turn cold. Heavy consumption of stores expected as result of mild winter. Supply of extracted honey getting low. Sales reported of White Clover in ton lots at 9-13½¢ per lb., single 60-lb. cans 12-15½¢ per lb., Amber, ton lots 8-9¢, single 60s 10-12¢ per lb. No. 1 White Clover comb, which is getting well out of beekeepers' hands, sold at $4.40-6.00, mostly around $5.50 per case, and dark comb at $4.00 per case. Beeswax quoted at 24-26¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: December has been abnormally mild, with little snow on the ground. Heavy snowfall is hoped for as a protection to clover. Bees wintered outside have flown several times during the past two weeks. Bees in cellars are fairly quiet. Comb honey nearly all sold. Considerable extracted White Clover and quite a few cars of Buckwheat remain unsold. In ton lots White Clover has moved recently at 10-12½¢ per lb., and Buckwheat, in cans and kegs, at 8-10¢. Small pails of White Clover show a wide range, with most sales made between 15¢ and 20¢ per lb. Few sales White Clover comb reported at $4.32-6.50 per case, mostly $5.00-6.00, and a few cases of Buckwheat comb at $6.00-6.50 per case. Beeswax has generally sold at 25-31¢ per lb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Where not confined to the hives by rain and cool weather, bees are securing a little pollen from maple and other early plants. Package orders for spring delivery are being received in larger volume than for several years past. Few sales reported. Local purchasers paying 6-8¢ per lb. for large lots Amber extracted, 8-10¢ per lb. for Light Amber. Most honey now out of beekeepers' hands.

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PORTO RICO: Bees went into winter quarters in better shape than for past two years. Extracting for the season about over, and most of the honey sold, very little remaining in the producers' hands. Amber, extracted in 600-lb. barrels is bringing 64-65¢ per gal. to the beekeeper.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
(Market reports are for December 31)

BOSTON: Since last report 340 cases Vt. comb arrived. No receipts extracted reported. Demand and movement slow, market dull.

COMB: Sales to retailers - New York and Vermont, 24-section cases No. 1 carton stock $6.00-6.50.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and wholesale grocers - per lb., Porto Rico, Light Amber 10¢, Dark 8½-9½¢. Hawaii, White 10-12¢. California, market rather nominal, few sales Light Amber Sage 13¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 2,100 lbs. Ia., 5,200 lbs. Nebr., 6,300 lbs. Wis., 57,400 lbs. Wyo. arrived. Demand and movement slow, market about steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - per lb., Wyoming and Colorado, Alfalfa and Sweet Clover White 11-11½¢, Light Amber 9½-10¢, Dark Amber 8-9¢. Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, White Clover fancy 11-11½¢, Light Amber 9½-10¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - Colorado and Wyoming, Alfalfa and Clover fancy white $5.25-5.50, choice $4.50-4.75. Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, White Clover fancy No. 1, $5.00-5.25, No. 1, $4.50-4.75, No. 2, $3.00-3.25.

BEESWAX: Demand and movement very slow, market about steady with prices lower than last report. Wisconsin, light 28-30¢, dark 20-22¢.

DENVER: Demand and movement moderate, market steady, no change in prices.

EXTRACTED: Sales to candy manufacturers and bakers - per lb., Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa White 14½¢, Light Amber 13½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover choice $5.60, off grade $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: per lb., Colorado, Alfalfa White 13¢, Light Amber 11½¢.

COMB: 24-section cases Colorado, White Alfalfa extra fancy $6.00, fancy $5.75, No. 1, $5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand light, market firm.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Minnesota, White Clover No. 1, $5.50-6.00. Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $6.50-7.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers - per lb., Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 12½-13¢. Western, Light Amber Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 13¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 114 bbls. and 6 cases Porto Rico, 16½ bbls. St. Lucia, 4 bbls. St. Thomas arrived. Domestic receipts moderate. Demand and trading good, market steady. Sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - per lb., New York, White Clover 11½-12½¢, Buckwheat 10-10½¢. Western, White Clover 12¢. California, White Orange 16¢. Porto Rico, demand slow, 82-84¢a

COMB: 24-section cases Eastern, fancy and extra fancy $5.50-6.00, No. 1, $5.00, No. 2, $4.50.

BEESWAX: Since last report 679 packages and 211 bags Spain, 106 pkgs. and 30 bags Belgium, 72 bags England, 50 cases Germany, 65 bags Cuba, 10 bags and 1 bbl. Porto Rico, 3 seroons San Domingo arrived. Demand moderate, market steady. Per lb. Chile and West Indies, light 28-29¢. Brazil, light 27-28¢. Italy, light 25-26¢. Africa, dark 21-22¢. West Indies, dark 20-22¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Since last report 225 kegs of approximately 130 lbs. each arrived from N.Y. Demand and movement slow, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers and bakers - New York, Buckwheat 11¢ per lb.

ST. LOUIS: No large arrivals reported since last report. Demand slow, trading very light, market weak.

EXTRACTED: Sales direct to retailers - Western, Light Amber and White Sweet Clover 8-10¢ per lb..

COMB: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers - Wyoming, 24-section cases $5.75-6.00.

BEESWAX: No arrivals since last report. No purchases reported. Dealers still reporting 26¢ direct to beekeepers for ungraded country run wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Demand and movement good, market steady. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Per lb., California, Light Amber Orange 12-12½¢, White Star Thistle 11-12¢, Extra Light Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢, Amber Alfalfa 8-9¢. Nevada, White Sweet Clover 12-12½¢.

COMB: 24-section cases California and Nevada, No. 1 White $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.75-5.00. Hawaii, Algaroba Water White 8 3/4¢, Light Amber 8½¢, Dark Amber 7½¢.

BEESWAX: California, 27¢. Hawaii, 25¢ per lb.

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HONEY NO. 136

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of January):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Moderate rains have fallen in San Diego County, but in other counties rainfall has been light, and much below normal. Weather generally cold, lessening activities of the bees. When flying they have secured some feed from lemons, cover crops, etc. Many beekeepers selling out. It is generally predicted that 25 to 50% of bees will starve before spring honey flow. Few sales reported of Orange extracted at 14-15¢ per lb. in 60-lb. cans and Amber extracted at 8½-10¢ per lb. Beeswax has ranged 20-25¢ per lb. to the beekeeper.

Northern California - Rainfall very light to date. Unusually cold weather being experienced. Few sales reported of honey. Beeswax reported sold at 24¢ per lb. cash or 25¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Demand for honey continues rather slow. Since Christmas it has been generally too cold for flights. White extracted quoted in carlots 10-11¢, to lots 11-11½¢, single 60s 12½¢, and in small pails, wholesale lots 14-17¢ per lb. Sales of beeswax reported at a range of 23-30¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Very severe cold weather, with little snow on the ground. Some sections report the coldest weather in over 10 years. In some districts it is not expected that bees will winter as well as had been anticipated as cold weather has caused rapid consumption of stores, much of them of poor quality, necessitating flights, which are impossible at present. Extracted demand slow during past two weeks, with few inquiries or sales. Few carlots White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa extracted reported sold at 9¼-9½¢ per lb., ton lots 9-10¢, single 60s 9½-13¢, mostly 11-12¢, small pails 12½-17¢ per lb. Carlots of extracted seem to be generally held for 9¢ per lb. for Light Amber, and 10¢, few 9½¢, for White.

Comb honey is scarce. One carlot reported sold at $4.50 per case for fancy white, $4.25 for No. 1 Light Amber, and $4.00 for choice Amber. Small lot sales at $4.75-5.00 per case. Beeswax has sold at 22-24¢per lb.cash, or 25¢ in trade. Considerable interest reported in the use of the 50-50 mixture of honey and water in automobile radiators. Where properly boiled and stirred, and with correct specific gravity, the mixture is said to have been successful at below zero temperatures.

ARIZONA POINTS: Plenty of rain, and with other conditions favorable, present indications are for a fine crop in 1924. Rains have helped the desert plants. Considerable alfalfa plowed up for cotton. Practically all honey now out of beekeepers' hands. Some beeswax sold at 25¢ per lb. Few sales Amber extracted in 60-lb. cans at 10¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: Continued rains during November and December have made prospects good for 1924, although in upper part of the State recent freezes have set back honey flow and brood-rearing. Further South in the state brood-rearing has begun and pollen is coming in freely from ground nettle and wild currant. Horsemint and hoarhound plants are coming up in good shape and outlook is very promising. Very few sales reported.

PLAINS AREA: Extreme cold weather since the first of the year broke 12-year temperature records and was very hard on outside-wintered bees. Much clover was protected by snow. In some sections mild weather during past few days has permitted flights. Honey is getting well cleaned up. Few sales White Clover in 60-lb. cans at 15¢ per lb., ton lots 10¢, small pails, wholesale 12½-18¢, mostly around 15-16¢ per lb. Beeswax has sold at 25¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Clover in good shape, with covering of snow, following abundant rains. Recent cold wave hard on outside-wintered bees. Little honey has been sold recently, but market is steady. Small lots are well cleaned up and large lots are working offgradually. One carlot White Clover extracted reported sold at 8½¢ per lb., another at 10½¢, ton lots 9-12¢, single 60s 10-15½¢, and small pails, wholesale 16-20¢ per lb. Amber extracted 9-10¢, baking stock 7¢ per lb. Few sales No. 1 white comb at $4.50-5.50 per case. Beeswax has sold at 25-28¢ per lb. in trade or 22-25¢ per lb. cash.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Some sections have experienced severe cold weather, but generally bees have been flying nearly every week. Little snow on ground as protection to clover. Bees wintering well, both outdoors and in cellars. Comb honey is now scarce, and extracted is cleaning up gradually. One car White Clover extracted reported sold at 10 5/8¢ per lb.; ton lots and single 60s White Clover 10-12½¢, Buckwheat 7-10¢ per lb. Few sales White Clover comb at $4.00-4.80 per case.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Recent severe cold spell has killed some young clover, confined bees to the hives, and retarded brood-rearing. Some colonies have begun to breed up, bringing in pollen and a little nectar from maples and pennyroyal on warm days. Where stores were ample, bees are expected to have a light winter loss. Demand for package bees better than for several seasons past. Little honey left. Few sales reported Light Amber extracted single 60-lb. cans 12-15¢, barrels 8-10¢, Amber in barrels 6-8¢. Beeswax has sold at 25¢ per lb.

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TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

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DENVER: Demand and movement limited, market steady, no change in prices.

EXTRACTED: Sales to candy manufacturers and bakers - per lb., Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa White 14½¢, Light Amber 13½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover choice $5.60, off grade $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals reported since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: per lb., Colorado, Alfalfa white 12¢, Light Amber 11½¢.

COMB: 24-section cases Colorado, White Alfalfa extra fancy $6.00, fancy $5.75. No. 1, $5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS: No large arrivals since last report. Demand light, market firm.

COMB: Supplies light. Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Minnesota, White Clover No. 1, $5.50-6.00. Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $7.00.

EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers - per lb., Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 12½-13¢. Western, Light Amber Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 13½-14¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 256 bbls. Porto Rico, 3 bbls. Haiti, 5 bbls. San Domingo, 10 cases Greece arrived. Domestic receipts liberal. Demand good, market steady. Sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - per lb., New York, White Clover 11½-12½¢, Buckwheat 10-10½¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 11½-12¢. California, White Orange 15-16¢, Light Amber Sage 12¢. Porto Rico, demand moderate, market dull, 82-84¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Since last report 37 bags Chile, 39 bags Cuba, 17 bags and 5 seroons Porto Rico, 5 seroons San Domingo, 75 cases bleached from Holland arrived. Demand moderate, market steady. Chile, light 27½-28½¢. West Indies and Brazil, light 28-29¢. Italy, light 25½-26¢. Africa, dark 21-22¢. West Indies, dark 21½-22½¢.lb.

PHILADELPHIA: No large arrivals since last report. Market conditions remain unchanged. Demand slow, trading dull, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers and bakers - New York, Buckwheat 11¢ per lb.

ST. LOUIS: No large arrivals since last report. Practically no demand, market very dull. Sales direct to retailers -

COMB: Wyoming, 24-section cases $5.75-6.00.

EXTRACTED: Western, Light Amber Alfalfa and White Sweet Clover 8-10¢ per lb.

BEESWAX: Dealers quoting 24¢ for country run wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: California, Light Amber Orange 12-12½¢. California and Nevada, White Star Thistle 11-12¢, Extra Light Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢, Amber Alfalfa 8-9¢, Dark Amber Alfalfa 7½-8¢. Nevada, White Sweet Clover 12-12½¢. Hawaii, Algaroba Water White 8 3/4¢, White 8½¢, Light Amber 8½¢, carlot sale 8¼¢, Dark Amber 7½¢. In last report Hawaiian extracted quoted in error under comb.

COMB: California and Nevada, No. 1 White $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.75-5.00.

BEESWAX: California, 27¢. Hawaii, 25¢.

BOSTON: No large receipts reported since last report. Demand slow, trading very light.

COMB: Sales to retailers - New York, 24-section cases No. 1 carton stock $6.00-6.50. Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock $4.50-6.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and wholesale grocers - per lb., Porto Rico, Light Amber 10¢, Dark 8½-9½¢. Hawaii, White 10-12¢. California, few sales Light Amber Sage 13-14¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car La., 5,330 lbs. Wis. arrived. Movement slow, market about steady with prices slightly lower than last report.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - per lb., Wisconsin, White Clover and Basswood 12-13¢. Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois, White Clover and Alfalfa 11-11½¢, Light Amber 10-10½¢, Dark Amber 8½-9½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - Colorado, Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, 24-section cases fancy White $4.75-5.00, choice $4.00-4.50, dark, off color, $2.50-3.00. Illinois, fancy double-deck cases mostly $5.00.

BEESWAX: Movement slow, market steady, little change in prices. Wisconsin and Illinois, bright, pure, 29-30¢, medium dark 25-27¢, dirty, dark 20-22¢.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING NOVEMBER, 1923

IMPORTED from	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Italy	86	9
Spain	1,323	459
England	1,728	1,023
Quebec and Ontario	16,789	2,283
Canada, Prairie Provinces	25	15
Guatemala	38,329	1,781
Mexico	11,351	573
Cuba	634	37
Dominican Republic	169	24
Hongkong	204	22
TOTAL	70,638	6,231

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U. S. DURING NOVEMBER, 1923

SHIPMENTS from	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	399,400	26,164
Hawaii	226,730	13,062

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING NOVEMBER, 1923

EXPORTED to	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Belgium	12,969	1,080
Denmark	60	8
Germany	900	165
Italy	900	72
Netherlands	4,360	475
Norway	12,000	1,150
England	109,118	12,552
Scotland	12,020	1,204
Canada, Maritime Provinces	325	50
Quebec and Ontario	9,434	1,887
Canada, Prairie Provinces	1,011	355
British Columbia and Yukon	10,063	1,306
British Honduras	25	2
Honduras	169	44
Panama	160	26
Newfoundland and Labrador	120	14
Bermuda	20	13
Cuba	147	66
Dutch Guiana	72	21
Peru	40	11
British India	1,031	364
Ceylon	69	30
Straits Settlements	894	359
China	855	279
Java and Madura	48	14
French Indo-China	120	35
Hongkong	616	136
Japan	600	181
Philippine Islands	553	205
Siam	46	20
TOTAL	178,745	22,122

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING NOVEMBER, 1923

IMPORTED from	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Belgium	22,162	4,261
Germany	2,640	602
Portugal	28,513	6,408
Turkey in Europe	8,258	212
England	12,268	2,686
Cuba	12,607	3,252
Dominican Republic	7,374	1,335
Haiti	1,000	161
Argentina	6,600	1,481
Brazil	40,040	6,251
Chile	15,000	3,825
TOTAL	156,462	30,474

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U. S. DURING NOVEMBER, 1923

SHIPMENTS from	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	2,646	508
Hawaii	1,924	450

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EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING NOVEMBER, 1923

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Canada, Maritime Provinces	519	117
Quebec and Ontario	1,518	581
Canada, Prairie Provinces	1,081	337
Nicaragua	2	1
Mexico	50	12
Jamaica	6	3
Dominican Republic	66	20
China	15	11
Japan	50	30
Australia	1,240	456
TOTAL	4,347	1,568

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HONEY NO. 137

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of January):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Only light rains have fallen, and with an extra amount of dry desert winds prospects for white honey except orange do not look favorable unless further rains come soon. Cool weather is favorable for keeping bees quiet. Some brood-rearing started, and in favorable localities new honey is coming in from manzanita. In Imperial Valley colonies are wintering well where not extracted too closely in the fall, but in the orange belt colonies are generally in poor shape, except where strong in fall and well cared for.

Shipments of honey from outside points has weakened the local market. Practically no local honey available, even in Imperial Valley. Few sales reported of Light Amber Alfalfa, in ton lots 8-8 3/4¢ per lb., 60-lb. cans 10¢.

Northern California - Weather still very dry and cool. Little activity reported. One car White Star Thistle reported sold at 10 1/3¢ per lb.; several other cars held for 10¢ per lb. Country run wax has brought the beekeepers 24¢ per lb. in cash, or 25¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Bees have wintered well. Demand good, at steady prices. Small lots generally cleaned up. Large producers holding carlots white extracted for 10½¢ per lb., ton lots 11¢, single 60-lb. cans 12¢. Small pails 14-16¢ per lb. wholesale.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Weather generally very cold with little snow on the ground. Reports from Idaho and Montana state bees have not been able to fly since before Thanksgiving. In favored sections of Colorado, the warm days have permitted frequent flights. Cold weather is proving hard on bees in poorly protected hives, and considerable loss expected. Stores are being rapidly consumed, and considerable feeding probably will be necessary if bees are not to starve.

The market tone shows some improvement and carlot inquiries are said to be more numerous. Some sections are now well cleaned up, except for small lots. Few carlot sales White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa reported at 8 3/4¢ and 9¢ per lb. Some beekeepers holding for 10¢ per lb. in carlots; others willing to take 9¢ per lb. Ton lots have sold at 10-12¢, and single 60s 11-13½¢, few lower. Small pails are being offered in carlots at 12 3/4¢ per lb. for 5-lb. pails and 11 7/8¢ per lb. for 10-lb. pails. Comb honey very scarce. No. 1 White offered at $5.00 per case, No. 2, $4.50. Few sales average yellow beeswax reported at 23-24¢ cash or 25¢ in trade.

ARIZONA POINTS: Weather has been cold recently, but bees are in good condition with ample stores. Abundance of rain gives promise of a good early crop of honey. Producers' supplies practically cleaned up.

TEXAS POINTS: January has been unusually cold and bees have been confined to the hives in the northern part of the State. Abundance of moisture in ground favorable for 1924 prospects. Some consider the outlook is the best in 10 years. Flow from horsemint should be early and heavy. Bees have been consuming stores heavily as result of mild early winter and heavy brood-rearing, and many need feeding. Local honey stock well cleaned up, and several cars of northern honey brought in to supply the demand.

PLAINS AREA: Weather during January has been the most severe seen in many years. Snow has been ample to protect clover, but the cold has been hard on outside-wintered bees. Sales have been few and slow. Few ton lots White extracted reported sold at 12¢ per lb., and single 60s at 14¢ per lb. Yellow wax has brought the beekeeper 25¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTHCENTRAL STATES: Recent extreme cold weather, following mild temperatures in November and December, has caused serious depletion of stores and much feeding will be necessary. January snows should help clover, which looks promising for good crop in 1924. Supplies generally out of producers' hands. Few sales in ton lots of extracted White Clover at 9½-12½¢, Light Amber 8-13¢, Amber 6-7¢ per lb. Small pails, wholesale 16-18¢. Few sales comb honey in 24-section cases reported at $5.50 per case for White; $5.00 for Light Amber. Demand for Buckwheat comb said to greatly exceed supply.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: The recent cold weather has found the ground practically bare, and the lack of snow may be harmful to clovers and other nectar-producing plants. Bees, both indoors and outside, have wintered well, and the latter have had flights every few weeks at least. Honey is moving rather slowly. Few sales White Clover in ton lots 10-12¢, single 60s up to 12½¢, small pails wholesale 18¢ per lb. Buckwheat, ton lots 9-10¢. No. 1 White Clover comb has sold at $4.00-5.00 per case, and No. 1 Buckwheat comb at $3.75.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Recent cold weather retarding brood-rearing Georgia reports coldest weather in 20 years, with bees getting out to work on maples about once a week. In Louisiana bees working on maple and elm and are rapidly building up. In Florida bees are working on pennyroyal and lightly on orange blossom. Bees have come through satisfactorily where ample stores were left. A large flow is looked for in 1924. Practically no 1923 honey remains in hands of producers. Very good demand for queens and package bees for spring delivery.

PORTO RICO: Little honey offered for sale. Price is quoted as 52¢ per gal. in 600-lb. barrels. Yield in 1923 was best for past 3 years.

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BOSTON: Since last report 175 cases Calif. arrived. Trading rather light, market dull.

COMB: Sales to retailers - New York, 24-section cases No. 1 carton stock $6.00-6.50. Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock $4.50-6.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and wholesale grocers - per lb., Porto Rico, Light Amber 10¢, dark 8½-9½¢. Hawaii, White 10-11½¢. California, Light Amber Sage 13-14¢, White Orange 16¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 11,000 lbs. Wis. arrived. Movement about moderate, mar - steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - Wisconsin, White Clover and Basswood 12-13¢, Sweet Clover and White Clover White 11-11½¢, Light Amber 10-10½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Colorado and New York, double-deck cases White fancy $5.00-5.25. Wisconsin, flat cases White Clover and Alfalfa fancy $4.50-4.75, some $5.00, choice $4.00-4.50, dark mixed flavors $2.50-3.00.

BEESWAX: Movement slow, market about steady. Wisconsin and Illinois, light 28-30¢, medium dark 25-27¢. Africa and South America, light 24-26¢, dark 20-24¢.

DENVER: Demand and trading light, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to candy manufacturers and bakers - Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa White 14½¢, Light Amber 13½¢ per lb.

COMB: Sales to retailers - Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover choice $5.60, off grade $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: Since last report 1 car Calif. arrived. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market steady.

EXTRACTED: per lb., Colorado, Alfalfa White 12¢, Light Amber 11½¢.

COMB: 24-section cases Colorado, White Alfalfa extra fancy $6.00, fancy $5.75, No. 1, $5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS: COMB: Supplies light. Demand light, market firm. Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Minnesota, White Clover No. 1, $5.50-6.00. Colorado, White Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $6.50-7.00.

EXTRACTED: Supplies of Western stock liberal, of Wisconsin and Minnesota stock light. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gal. cans - per lb., Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 12½¢. Western, Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed Light Amber 11½-12¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 73 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. Domestic receipts moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - per lb., New York, White Clover 12-13¢, Buckwheat 10-10½¢. California, White Orange 15-16¢, Light Amber Sage 12-13¢. Porto Rico, demand moderate, market steady, 80-90¢, mostly 85¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Since last report 440 pkgs. England, 119 pkgs Spain, 22 pkgs. Holland, 90 bags and 15 casks Chile, 35 bags Argentina, 25 bags Cuba, 3 pkgs. Santa Domingo arrived. Demand moderate, market steady. Chile, light 27½-28½¢. West Indies and Brazil, light 28-29¢. Italy, light 25-26¢. Africa, dark 21-22¢. West Indies, dar 21½-22½¢.

PHILADELPHIA: No large arrivals since last report. Holdover supplies light. Demand light, trading slow, market about steady and very quiet.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers and bakers - Porto Rico, light 92¢, Amber 90¢ per gal. New York, White Clover 13¢ per lb.

ST. LOUIS: No large receipts reported since last report. Demand very light, market dull. Only few sales reported at prices slightly advanced from last report.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers in 5-gal. cans - Western, Light Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢. Sweet

COMB: 24-section cases Colorado, White Clover $5.75.

BEESWAX: Very light receipts since last report. No sales reported. Dealers quoting 24¢ for country run wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Market practically unchanged. Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, little change in prices. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: California, Light Amber Orange 12-12½¢. California and Nevada, White Star Thistle 11-12¢, Extra Light Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢, Amber Alfalfa 8-9¢, Dark Amber Alfalfa 7½-8¢. Nevada, White Sweet Clover 12-12½¢. Hawaii, Algaroba Water White 8 3/4¢, White 8½¢, Light Amber 8½¢, Dark Amber 7½¢. Brokers offering carloads Utah and Nevada extracted White Alfalfa at 11¢ with no buyers reported.

COMB: California and Nevada, No. 1 White $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.75-5.00 per case.

BEESWAX: California, 27¢. Hawaii, 25¢ per lb.

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HONEY NO 138

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of February):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Weather very unfavorable and rainfall far below normal. With rainfall in February and March some sage honey can be expected, but most beekeepers in the orange-sage district are pessimistic over the 1924 crop. Where bees have access to manzanita bloom they are building up well and gathering a little surplus. Some early pollen secured from willows. Some bees being moved to citrus groves.

The imperial Valley reports colonies in good shape. Few sales Light Amber Alfalfa in 60-lb cans reported at 10¢ per lb, small pails 14¢ per lb., A little beeswax has moved at 25¢ per lb.

Northern California - Several days' good rain early in February, which will be very helpful to the honey crop the coming season. Beekeepers generally holding Star Thistle for 10¢ per lb.; one small sale reported at 9½¢. Some dark honey sold at 5-6¢ per lb. Country run wax has sold at 23-24¢ per lb. cash, or 25¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: With a mild winter, plenty of rain and bees wintering well, prospects are good for 1924. Few sales White extracted in 60-lb cans reported at 12½¢ per lb., Light Amber 10¢, 5- and 10-lb pails have sold at 11-15¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: The weather moderated late in January and permitted frequent flights. Where well supplied with stores, colonies have been wintering well in spite of the cold weather, but some colonies are short of feed, and heavy spring losses are feared from such hives. Prospects generally favorable for a good crop in 1924.

Extracted moving fairly well in small lots; little demand reported for carlots. Comb honey is largely exhausted. Few sales reported of extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, carlots 9-9½¢, single 60s 9-13 1/3¢, some 15¢, ton lots 10-12½¢, small pails 11-15¢, few up to 19¢ per lb. Carlots generally being held for 10¢ per lb. Fancy White comb has sold lightly around $5.00, choice $4.50, off-grade $4.00 per case. Beeswax has brought the beekeeper 23¢ per lb. cash, or 25¢ in trade.

ARIZONA POINTS: Bees are raising brood and fast consuming the stores in the hives. Cold weather may set them back. No sales reported.

TEXAS POINTS: Due to cold weather, bees have been confined to the hives a good deal, but when able to fly have brought in pollen, and brood-rearing is going on vigorously. The rain has let up enough to allow farmers to plow, but abundance of moisture forecasts a good early honey crop. Few sales Light Amber extracted in small pails reported at 13½¢ per lb. Beeswax is selling at 23¢ per lb. cash or 25¢ in trade.

PLAINS AREA: Bees were able to fly during last week in January, but weather has since been continued cold, which has been hard on bees unless well protected or in cellars. Honey plants generally covered with snow. Few sales reported Light Amber extracted in ton lots 9¢ per lb., 5-lb. pails, white extracted, wholesale, 15¢ per lb., Light Amber 12½¢. Comb honey, fancy white, has sold lightly at $5.00 per case, No 1, $4.10-4.50 per case. Yellow wax, 25¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Bees had flights early in February, and those well cared-for are doing well in spite of cold weather. Many bees not fed in fall are already dead. Outlook for clover generally good, although some sections report lack of snow protection.

Demand for honey variable. Many, especially small producers, are already sold out. Some large producers still have considerable on hand, and with sluggish demand appear more anxious to unload. Queen breeders report large orders for queen cases and brood frames. Sales reported, per lb.: extracted White Clover, ton lots 9½-12¢, single 60s 11-13 1/3¢, few 15¢, small pails 14-18¢; Amber, ton lots 8-10¢, 60s, 12¢. Comb honey, scarce, No. 1, $5.00-5.25, No. 2, $4.00-4.50.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Bees quiet in cellars and wintering well out of doors. They have had frequent flights this winter. Frequent freezing and thawing of ground, with little snow protection, has hurt clover, and prospects for 1924 are not so favorable. Honey, especially Buckwheat, is moving rather slowly, and sales are generally in small pails. Sales reported as follows: Extracted, per lb., White Clover, ton lots 10-12¢, 60-lb. cans 12-12½¢, small pails 14-17¢; Buckwheat, ton lots 8-10¢, single 60s 10¢, small pails 12-15¢, some low as 8¢; mixed Buckwheat and Clover, small pails 15¢. Comb honey, per case, White Clover fancy $4.50, No. 1, $4.00. Buckwheat No. 2, $3.00.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Reports continue to indicate that this has been the most severe winter in years. Even in Florida cold and rain have kept bees in the hives a good deal. On warm days they have gathered some nectar from pennyroyal. Georgia reports almost no early plants budding. Continued cold has caused winter stores to become exhausted and has delayed brood-rearing until it is atleast 3 weeks behind, which is unfortunate for those selling package bees. Alabama reports fairly good prospects for this year. In Louisiana, bees are working on maple and elm when cold and rain permit. Brood-rearing appears less backward than in Georgia and the outlook is good for the package business. Few sales reported of Light Amber in barrels at 8-10¢, Amber 6-8¢ per lb. Beeswax has brought producers 25¢ per lb. cash, or 27¢ in trade.

PORTO RICO: Practically no stocks on hand. Honey quoted at 53¢ per gal. in 600-lb. barrels.

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BOSTON: No large receipts reported since last report. Trading very slow, market very dull, no change in prices.

COMB: Sales to retailers - New York, 24-section cases No. 1 carton stock $6.00-6.50. Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock $4.50-6.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and wholesale grocers - per lb., Porto Rico, Light Amber 10¢, dark 8½-9½¢. Hawaii, White 10-11½¢. California, Light Amber Sage 13-14¢, White Orange 16¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 36,800 lbs. Mont., 3,300 lbs. Wis., and 200 lbs. Wyo. arrived. Movement slow, market slightly weaker since last report.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, White Clover and Alfalfa 10½-11¢, Light Amber 9½-10¢, Dark Amber Mixed Flowers 8-8½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Montana, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, and New York and Wisconsin, White Clover fancy $4.75-5.00, choice $4.25-4.50, dark $2.50-3.50.

BEESWAX: Movement has shown improvement since last report. Market firm. Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, light 27-29¢, medium dark 25-27¢. Africa and South America, light 24-26¢, dark 20-24¢.

DENVER: Demand and movement slightly improved, but prices are unchanged.

EXTRACTED: Sales to candy manufacturers and bakers - Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa White 14½¢, Light Amber 13½¢ per lb.

COMB: Sales to retailers - Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover choice $5.60, off-grade $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market steady.

EXTRACTED: per lb., Colorado, Alfalfa white 12¢, Light Amber 11½¢.

COMB: 24-section cases Colorado, White Alfalfa extra fancy $6.00, fancy $5.75, No. 1, $5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand light, market steady.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Minnesota, White Clover No. 1, $5.50-6.00. Colorado, No. 1 White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $6.50-7.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers - per lb., Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 12-12½¢. Western, Light Amber Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 11½-12¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report foreign receipts very light. Domestic receipts moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - per lb., New York, White Clover 12-12½¢, Buckwheat 10-10½¢. California, Light Amber Sage 12-13¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 12-12½¢. Porto Rico, market slightly stronger, 82-88¢, mostly 85-86¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Since last report 239 pkgs. beeswax England, 110 bags Germany, 10 seroons, 5 bags Santo Domingo, 39 bags Cuba, 29 pkgs. Chile, 24 sacks Argentina arrived. Demand good, market firm. West Indies, light 28¢, dark 22-23¢. Africa, dark 22-23¢.

PHILADELPHIA: No large arrivals since last report. Holdover supplies light. Demand light, trading slow. Market about steady and very quiet with practically no change in prices.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers and bakers - Porto Rico, light 92¢, Amber 90¢ per gal. New York, fancy White Clover 13¢, Buckwheat 11¢ per lb. California, White Alfalfa 9½¢ per lb.

ST. LOUIS: No large arrivals reported since last report. Demand and movement light, market dull, few sales reported.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers and jobbers - Western, Light Amber Alfalfa 10¢-11¢ per lb.

COMB: 24-section cases Colorado, White Sweet Clover $5.75.

BEESWAX: Light receipts since last report. Dealers quoting 24¢ per lb. for country run wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, trading light, market about steady. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: California, Light Amber Orange 12-12½¢. California and Nevada, White Star Thistle 11-12¢, Extra Light Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢, Amber Alfalfa 8-9¢, Dark Amber Alfalfa 7½-8¢. Nevada, White Sweet Clover 12-12½¢. Hawaii, Algaroba Water White 8½-8 3/4¢, White 8-8½¢, Light Amber 8-8¼¢, Dark Amber 7½¢.

BEESWAX: California, 27¢. Hawaii, 25-26¢.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING DECEMBER, 1923

IMPORTED from	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
France	246	71
Greece	14,450	1,734
Italy	914	130
England	960	520
Scotland	12	5
Quebec and Ontario	8,448	1,171
Canada Prairie Provinces	130	41
Mexico	3,080	216
Other British West Indies	9,448	394
Cuba	493	39
French West Indies	682	37
Hongkong	60	9
Palestine and Syria	1,488	140
Turkey in Asia	1,061	146
TOTAL	41,472	4,653

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U. S. DURING DECEMBER, 1923

SHIPMENTS from	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	150,470	9,822
Hawaii	130,753	10,809

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING DECEMBER, 1923

EXPORTED to	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Germany	600	108
Netherlands	1,800	232
Norway	9,000	1,248
England	67,645	7,227
Quebec and Ontario	663	317
Canada Prairie Provinces	1,253	154
British Columbia and Yukon	1,274	149
British Honduras	35	13
Honduras	16	3
Panama	180	24
Bermuda	30	10
Cuba	60	13
Haiti	125	43
British India	812	284
Ceylon	168	44
Straits Settlements	48	14
Java and Madura	1,948	620
Hongkong	373	124
Japan	240	88
Philippine Islands	230	100
Australia	46	20
TOTAL	87,151	10,835

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING DECEMBER, 1923

IMPORTED from	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Belgium	26,616	5,205
France	33,050	6,610
Portugal	314,858	61,574
England	36,743	8,338
Quebec and Ontario	521	164
Cuba	18,885	4,535
Dominican Republic	5,652	1,037
Haiti	518	202
Chile	6,000	1,478
Aden	6,720	1,087
Other Dutch East Indies	16,547	3,640
Egypt	4,505	809
TOTAL	470,616	94,679

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U. S. DURING DECEMBER, 1923

SHIPMENTS from	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	4,404	682
Hawaii	9,631	1,723

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EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING DECEMBER, 1923

EXPORTED to	QUALITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Spain	22,604	5,130
Quebec and Ontario	2,045	544
Canada Prairie Provinces	50	25
Honduras	5	2
Panama	350	180
Japan	9,120	1,614
Philippine Islands	1,000	425
New Zealand	2,429	540
British South Africa	390	132
TOTAL	37,903	8,592

APICULTURE IN NEW ZEALAND.

From Vice Consul in charge, John E. Moran, Wellington, New Zealand.

December 4, 1923.

Official statistics made public today show that up to the middle of September, 1923, 4895 apiaries are registered with the Department of Agriculture of New Zealand. For the year ending May 31, 1923, 2,930,037 pounds of honey were harvested in the Dominion, and 60,256 pounds of beeswax collected.

The 4895 registered apiaries contain 76,573 hives of bees. Of this number, 26,811 contain Italian bees, 31,189 crossbred, and 18,573 black bees.

During the year 1921 a census of the apiaries and householders with a few hives was made, showing 8426 apiarists. Despite the fact that only 4895 apiaries are registered this year, it is thought that theyield of honey this year will be within 10 or 12 per cent of last, as it is felt that many of the smaller apiaries are not registered.

The following tabulation shows the number of apiaries in the various districts in New Zealand:

North Auckland	690
Auckland	539
Gisborne	89
Hawke's Bay	170
Taranaki	325
Wellington	639
Nelson	254
Marlborough	96
Westland	113
Canterbury	828
Otago	812
Southland	340

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HONEY OUTPUT OF CANADIAN KOOTENAY, 1923.

From Consul Norton F. Brand, Fernie, B.C., Canada, Jan. 3, 1924.

The honey output of Kootenay for 1923 is estimated at 21 tons and valued at $10,544,82. The production by districts was as follows:

District	Apiaries	Hives	Crop (lbs)	Average per hive
Slocan Valley	29	236	9,440	40
Kootenay Lake and West Arm	35	120	3,600	30
Nelson	49	148	5,180	35
Arrow Lakes	28	258	7,740	30
Castlegar	10	130	3,900	30
East Kootenay	7	39	975	25
Boundary	25	351	9,126	26
Creston	30	99	2,970	30
	213	1,381	42,931	31

The estimated crop, 21 tons, compares with 53 tons in 1922. The falling off is due to the failure of the fire-weed and dog-bane to secrete nectar, these being the most important sources of honey in these parts.

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HONEY NO. 139

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of February):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - The record-breaking drouth continues through the orange and sage region, and with small bee-plants drying up the outlook is discouraging. Three-quarters of the bees are said to be in poor condition, and most careful beekeepers are feeding weak colonies. Colonies with ample stores are brooding up rapidly. Eucalyptus is yielding in some sections, and early fruit is in blossom. In the Imperial Valley the bees are building up fast. Few sales of Light Amber Alfalfa in 60-lb cans reported at 8-8¼¢ per lb. and of White extracted in 10-lb pails at 15¢ per lb. A little beeswax has sold at 22¢ per lb.

Northern California - Crop outlook is nearly up to normal. A good flow is on from almonds, which are in full bloom. Cold weather has prevented the bees from fully utilizing the eucalyptus bloom.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Bees have wintered well. They began working on maple bloom about the middle of February. Crop prospects look favorable. Few sales White extracted in 60-lb cans at 11-12½¢ per lb., small pails 15¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: The recent mild weather has given bees several good flights, and suggests that bees may run short of stores early. Honey plants now seem to be in good shape, but shortage of snow in the mountains means a scarcity of water for irrigation later. Some apiaries report prospects of heavy winter losses; others feel their bees will come through with very small loss.

Demand for carlots improving, market firm. Sales reported of a good many cars extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa at 9-10¢ per lb., ton lots 10-12¢, single 60s 10-13 1/3¢, small pails 12-15¢ per lb. Several carlots are being held for 10¢ per lb. Some beeswax has sold at 23-25¢ per lb. Comb honeynearly exhausted

ARIZONA POINTS: Good rains in early part of winter were not followed by further moisture and things are drying up again. Prospects good for mesquite crop. Bees now getting plenty of pollen and a little nectar, and are raising an unusual amount of brood for this time of year. When stores are ample, bees are coming through satisfactorily. A few sales beeswax reported at 22¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: Since last report there has been a much needed period of dry weather, followed by more rain. Pollen is coming in on warm days, and bees are brooding up fast. Many weak colonies are being fed. Crop prospects said to be the best in years. One carlot sale Light Amber extracted in 60-lb. cans reported at 8 5/8¢ per lb.; single 60-lb. cans 11¢. Few sales beeswax reported at 25¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Weather very changeable. The winter has been hard on outside-wintered bees. Clover generally covered with snow. Sales reported of extracted White Clover in ton lots at 10-11¢, single 60s 13 1/3-16¢, small pails wholesale, 15-18¢ per lb.; Light Amber ton lots 9¢, Dark Amber 8½¢. Few sales comb from $4.00-5.50 per case. One reporter states that the 50-50 mixture for automobile radiators has proved satisfactory at 30° below zero.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Ample snow covering has left clover in good condition. Demand for honey, which had fallen below normal, has increased. Small beekeepers are generally sold out; large producers still have some honey on hand. Few sales White Clover extracted in ton lots 10-11½¢, single 60s 10-15¢, mostly 12-14¢ per lb., small pails, wholesale 12-17½¢ per lb.; dark honey, large lots 10-12¢ per lb. White Clover comb has sold at $4.50-5.00 per case. Beeswax has brought the beekeeper 22-25¢ per lb., extra clean stock 37¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Ground now covered with snow, improving clover prospects for 1924 It appears that some large producers have considerable honey still on hand, but smaller beekeepers are generally cleaned up. Demand moderate to light. Sales reported of extracted White Clover in ton lots 9½-12¢, single 60s 12-13½¢, small pails wholesale 14-20¢; Buckwheat, large lots, 160-lb. kegs 8½-9¢, 60-lb. cans 8-10½¢, small pails 12-14¢ per lb. White Comb No. 1 has sold at $4.25-5 50 per case, and Buckwheat comb at $4.00. The beeswax price has ranged from 22 to 28¢ per lb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Continued cold weather has retarded plant growth in Georgia and bees are far behind in brood-rearing Some pollen and honey are being gathered from maple, and the outlook is for a good crop of honey in 1924. The season in Alabama is very late, and many colonies in the Black Belt have died from lack of stores. Prospects in Florida are for a short orange bloom. In Louisiana colonies will soon be up to normal strength. Honey plants in that state are in the best of condition, and bees are storing considerable surplus from maple, red gum and May haw, while willows are leaving out. Very little honey left in beekeepers' hands throughout the Southeast.

PORTO RICO: Rainfall is less than needed in the dried sections of the island to insure a large honey flow. The number of colonies on the island is said to be slowly diminishing. Extracted honey is quoted in 600-lb. bbls. at 50-60¢ per gal.

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BOSTON: Since last report 186 cases Vt. arrived. Trading very slow, market dull, no change in prices.

COMB: Sales to retailers - New York, 24-section cases No. 1 carton stock $6.00-6.50. Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock $4.50-6.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and wholesale grocers - per lb., Porto Rico, Light Amber 10¢, dark 8½-9½¢. Hawaii, White 10-11½¢. California, Light Amber Sage 13-14¢, White Orange 16¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1,800 lbs. Ia., 1700 lbs. Wis. and 38,100 lbs. Wyo. arrived.

EXTRACTED: Demand slow, market steady. Sales to bottlers and confectioners - Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, White Clover and Alfalfa 10½-11¢, Light Amber 9½-10¢, Dark Amber various flowers 8-8½¢.

COMB: Demand moderate and market firm for good stock; demand slow for poor stock. Sales to retailers - Wyoming, double deck cases and New York, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois, flat cases White Clover and Alfalfa fancy $4.75, few extra fancy high as $5.25, choice $4.25-4.50, dark $3.00-3.50.

BEESWAX: Movement has been slow, market about steady. Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, bright 28-30¢, medium dark 26-27¢. Africa and South America, light 24-26, dark 20-24¢.

DENVER: Demand slow, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to candy manufacturers and bakers - Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa White 14½¢, Light Amber 13½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover, very few sales, choice $5.60, off grade $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement good, market firm.

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa, extra fancy $6.00, fancy $5.75, No. 1, $5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand light.

COMB: Market weaker. Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Colorado, No. 1 White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $6.00-6.50. Minnesota, supplies cleaned up.

EXTRACTED: Market steady. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers - per lb., Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 12½¢. Western, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 12½-13¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 163 bbls. (equivalent about 3 cars) Porto Rico arrived. Domestic receipts moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - per lb., New York, White Clover 12-12½¢, Buckwheat 10-10½¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 12-12½¢. California, White Orange 16¢. Foreign receipts limited. Demand good, market slightly stronger. Porto Rico, 88-90¢ per gal.

COMB: Eastern, 24-section cases fancy and No. 1 White Clover $5.00-6.00, No. 2, $4.50.

BEESWAX: Since last report 160 bags Cuba, 4 bags, 2bbls., 9 seroons San Domingo, 6 bags Porto Rico, 17 sacks Chile, 302 bags England, 65 pkgs. Belgium, 17 bbls. Spain, 22 bbls. Holland arrived. Demand good, market firm. Brazil and Chile, light 28-28½¢. West Indies, light 27-28½¢, dark 22-23¢. Africa, dark 23¢.

PHILADELPHIA: No carlot arrivals since last report. Holdover supplies light. Demand light, trading slow, market very quiet, showing a weaker tone on lower grades. Practically no change in prices on fancy stock.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers and bakers - Porto Rico, light 92¢, Amber 90¢ per gal. New York, fancy White Clover 13¢, Buckwheat 11¢. California, White Alfalfa 11½¢ per lb.

ST. LOUIS: No large receipts reported since last report. Demand and movement very slow and market very dull. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Western, Light Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢ per lb.

COMB: 24-section cases Colorado, White Clover $5.75.

BEESWAX: Dealers quoting 24¢ per lb. for country run wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Per lb., California, Light Amber Orange 12-12½¢. California and Nevada, White Star Thistle 11-12¢, Extra Light Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢, Amber Alfalfa 8-9¢, Dark Amber Alfalfa 7½-8¢. Nevada, White Sweet Clover 12-12½¢. Hawaii, Algaroba, Water White 8½-8 3/4¢, White 8-8½¢, Light Amber 8-8¼¢, Dark Amber 7½¢.

COMB: California and Nevada, fancy $5.50, No. 1, $5.25 per case.

BEESWAX: Per lb., California, 26-27¢. Hawaii, 25-26¢.

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IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1923, BY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

COUNTRIES FROM WHICH IMPORTED	TOTAL	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Portugal	1,008,107	57,831	168,326	79,688		123,398	33,546	33,620	168,327			28,513	314,858
United Kingdom	468,421	74,927	235,097	25,527	37,591	16,018	13,305		7,612		9,333	12,268	36,743
France	189,159		22,930		122,210		10,969						33,050
Belgium	182,046	21,543	10,816		35,203	21,866	43,840					22,162	26,616
Germany	67,647		22,170	11,920		680		3,600	21,045	2,395	3,197	2,640	
Netherlands	65,628	11,006		39,390				8,569	6,663				
Spain	44,635					44,635							
Italy	24,724				5,293	6,166		2,262	4,383	6,620			
Turkey in Europe	19,394	1,102		6,605			2,074			4,713	4,900		
Brazil	711,340	25,027	64,823	24,368	52,821	229,812	33,841	21,761	30,411	145,292	43,144	40,040	
Cuba	323,308	76,074	32,569	42,105	42,267	19,047	18,474	29,275	8,457	10,129	13,419	12,607	18,885
Chile	249,129	6,450	20,918		35,392	75,364	34,797	1,039	37,628	4,223	12,318	15,000	6,000
Dominican Republic	85,978	995	3,766	1,296	16,680	6,326	2,720	5,153	11,761	17,473	6,777	7,374	5,652
Argentina	23,680			6,340		10,740						6,600	
Mexico	18,124	10,541					6,973		80		530		
Bolivia	12,915									12,915			
Dutch East Indies	16,547												16,547
Straits Settlements	11,200				11,200								
Japan	11,200			11,200									
China	4,805	2,650	318				611		1,226				
Aden	16,544							3,104		6,720			6,720
Egypt	4,506												4,506
Morocco	3,749									2,700	1,049		
Other Countries	8,049	382		307	1,398	332	417	2,552	477	9	136	1,000	1,039
TOTALS	3,570,830	288,528	581,733	248,746	360,055	554,384	201,567	110,935	298,070	213,189	94,803	148,204	470,616

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1923.

	TOTAL	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Porto Rico	21,828	1,440	2,710	822	1,300	1,643	1,585	1,161	690	2,512	915	2,646	4,404
Hawaii	25,537	446	991	2,475	6,568	120		600	757		2,025	1,924	9,631
TOTALS	47,365	1,886	3,701	3,297	7,868	1,763	1,585	1,761	1,447	2,512	2,940	4,570	14,035

NOTE: The total imports from all countries, including Porto Rico and Hawaii, 3,618,195 lbs. for the calendar year 1923, compares with a total of 3,350,538 lbs. for the calendar year 1922, and with a total of 4,247,461 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923.

lvw Figures for the past year have recently been revised by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, from which these data were secured.

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1923, BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATIONS

COUNTRIES TO WHICH EXPORTED	TOTAL	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Canada	55,428	6,614	3,000	3,190	4,348	7,253	10,684	5,775	2,158	2,146	5,247	2,918	2,095
Mexico	2,306		400	120		929	262		380	150	15	50	
Panama	1,159	147	100		30		135				397		350
Cuba	690					690							
Colombia	517		55		140	100	112	110					
Argentina	489					230			259				
Spain	22,604												22,604
England	2,608					112			617	1,129	750		
Russia in Asia	1,840								1,840				
Japan	15,098	600	4,748					50	330	200		50	9,120
China	1,215	1,200										15	
New Zealand	7,967	500		1,757				2,240	1,041				2,429
Philippine Islands	2,061			53	1,092						916		1,000
Australia	1,496						256					1,240	
British South Africa	457										157		300
Other Countries	1,521		270	255	87	264	25	303	100	118	20	74	5
TOTALS	118,456	9,061	8,573	5,375	5,697	9,578	11,474	8,478	6,725	3,743	7,502	4,347	37,903

The total exports of beeswax, 118,456 lbs. for the calendar year 1923, compares with a total of 101,892 lbs. for the calendar year 1922, and with a total of 79,404 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923.

Recent corrections in their records by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, where these data are secured, have resulted in changing the total beeswax exports for the fiscal year 1923 from 211,552 lbs. the figure which we published Sept. 17, 1923, to 79,404 lbs. as indicated above.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO UNITED STATES DURING CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1923. BY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN
(Conversion made on basis of 12 pounds to 1 gallon)

COUNTRIES FROM WHICH IMPORTED	TOTAL	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Guatemala	122,944	7,328	8,890				3,299	13,249	27,393	23,856	600	38,329	
Canada	66-210	3,018	7,257	6,188	1,600	600	180	190	1,815	7,057	12,913	16,814	2,578
Mexico	56,561	2,566	3,616				5,820			2,000	28,128	11,351	3,080
Dominican Republic	40,290	7,716	2,689		6,600		276	12,700	6,720		3,420	169	
Cuba	1,010			6	1,369		2,400		4,108			634	493
Haiti	4,620									4,620			
Jamaica	2,985			2,985									
Other Br. West Indies	19,459					7,320	1.800	771	120				9,448
Chile	2,400				2,400								
Costa Rica	1,424				1,424								
Greece	24,090	6,140									3,500		14,450
Italy	1,329		11		235	13		70				86	914
United Kingdom	3,179	48	192		144	45		50				1,720	972
France	1,434		784	79							325		246
Spain	1,323											1,323	
Portugal	1,083								633		450		
Hongkong	2,573	350	108	45			1,750				56	204	60
Palestine and Syria	1,488												1,488
Turkey in Asia	1,061												1,061
Other Countries	1,507						105	720					682
TOTALS	364,970	27,166	23,547	9,303	13,772	7,978	15,630	27,750	40,789	37,533	49,392	70,638	41,472

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1923.

	TOTAL	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Porto Rico	2,630,748	101,338	137,221	66,938	121,693	135,464	80,981	82,636	363,682	473,729	517,196	399,400	150,470
Hawaii	1,373,242	93,928	29,575	115,784	56,678	93,841	17,642	56,236	190,536	204,657	156,877	226,730	130,758
TOTALS	4,003,990	195,266	166,796	182,722	178,371	229,305	98,623	138,872	554,218	678,386	674,073	626,130	281,228

NOTE: The total shipments from Porto Rico and Hawaii to the United States for the calendar year 1923, 4,003,990 lbs., compare with a total of 3,717,978 lbs. for the calendar year 1922, and with a total of 3,690,725 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923. The total imports from other countries, 364,970 lbs., compare with a total of 2,020,760 lbs. for the calendar year 1922, and with a total of 784,748 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923.
Total receipts from all countries, 4,368,960 lbs. for the calendar year 1923 compare with a total of 5,738,738 lbs. for the calendar year 1922, and with a total of 4,475,473 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923.

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EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1923, BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION
(From data secured through Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce)

COUNTRIES TO WHICH EXPORTED	TOTAL POUNDS	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
United Kingdom	1,248,953	45,000	157,200	162,839	160,904	118,260	52,348	104,138	77,623	87,850	94,008	121,138	67,645
Norway	148,761		10,575	6,750	14,400	140	12,000	27,000	25,256	3,600	27,440	12,000	9,600
Denmark	125,320	12,000	43,200			3,000		12,000	18,400	19,200	17,460	60	
Netherlands	123,533	22,560	13,653	30,242			25,920	13	5,640	15,545	3,800	4,360	1,800
Austria	119,793			95,205	12,348	12,240							
Germany	52,653	18,000	4,194	9,840	23	12,000		5,671	310	995	120	900	600
Belgium	18,969	6,000										12,969	
France	12,425							425	12,000				
Sweden	4,800		1,200	3,000		600							
Italy	900											900	
Canada	147,990	12,546	6,936	10,306	3,583	1,740	2,285	2,147	19,211	7,060	58,153	20,633	3,190
Newfoundland & Labrador	1,572							120		1,332		120	
Colombia	2,078		342	24			527	92	431	384	278		
Cuba	981	24		50				660	30		10	147	60
Honduras	972	146	190	72	43	58	34	61	52	101	30	169	16
Panama	808		120	108						240		160	180
British India	12,032	1,054	809	1,226	914	395	1,035	1,534	803	583	1,836	1,031	812
China	13,903	398	3,177	1,121	956	709	788	[illegible]	1,547	1,818	1,545	855	
Hongkong	5,820	336	48	23	264	356	1,231	840	385	494	849	816	378
Japan	8,340	115		468	72	2,365	1,360		2,208	792	120	600	240
Straits Settlements	4,471	195	437		667	327	882	343	286	253	139	894	48
Philippine Islands	14,584	1,510	2,709	2,486	1,712	1,294	1,106	595	242	502	1,645	553	230
Java and Madura	8,337		47	619	690	805	1,514	715	1,060		891	48	1,948
French Indo China	2,213	240	130		720	144		48	120	[illegible]	696	120	
Siam	1,160		284	69	115	184	69	255		69	69	46	
Ceylon	820			46		92	46	261		138		69	168
Other Countries	3,815	393	480	145	558	726	118	324	46	423	209	157	236
TOTALS	2,086,008	120,517	245,731	324,639	197,969	155,435	101,263	158,231	165,650	141,379	209,298	178,745	87,151

NOTE: The total, 2,086,008 lbs. of exports for the calendar year ending December 31, 1923, compares with a total of 2,712,830 lbs. for the calendar year 1922, and with a total of 2,891,478 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923.

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of March):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - A little rain fell the first of the month, but much more is needed if a good honey crop is to be assured. Strong colonies will store some nectar soon from oranges, but colonies generally not strong enough to take full advantage of the flow. Losses from 50 to 70 per cent reported. Bees working some on pussy willow and fruit bloom. In the Imperial Valley the outlook is reported good, and considerable alfalfa and cantaloupes are being planted.

Few single 60s Light Amber Alfalfa in the Imperial Valley sold for 10¢ per lb. An offer of 12½¢ per lb. reported made for several tons of 1922 Orange honey. Considerable honey shipped in from Idaho to supply local demand.

Northern California - Plants in fair condition. Some rain has fallen, but more needed to insure a good thistle crop. Colonies in very good condition. Amount of disease reported about same as a year ago. Some White Star Thistle still on hand; beekeepers generally holding for 10¢ per lb. in large lots. Few sales reported, in ton lots 9-10¢, single 60s 12¢ per lb. Retail demand has improved. Some sold in small pails all the way from 10 to 20¢ per lb. Beeswax, country run, 22-23¢ per lb. cash, 23-24¢ per lb. in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Owing to very mild winter, bees have wintered well that had ample stores. Crop prospects good. Considerable honey still in hands of carlot producers who are holding for 10¢ per lb. or more in large lots. Few sales in 60-lb. cans reported at 12½¢ per lb.; 10-lb. pails 14¢, wholesale 11¢ per lb. Average beeswax 25-27¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Recent storms interfered with flights, which had been frequent due to mild weather although nights often cold. First pollen from maple in Idaho reported early as February 23. Considerable brood-rearing going on, which is likely to make much feeding necessary. More snow or rain needed in Utah if acute water shortage next summer is not to result. Idaho and Montana, on other hand, report ample moisture.

Carlot inquiries and demand have shown an improvement, and numerous cars extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa have sold at 9-10¢ per lb., with some large beekeepers holding carlots Light Amber for 9¢ per lb. Ton lots White have sold at 8-11¢, some 12¢ per lb., single 60s 12¢, and 10-lb. pails, wholesale 11½-14¢ per lb. Comb honey nearly exhausted. One car White, mostly No. 1, sold at $4.40 per case. Beeswax, average yellow, brought 23¢ per lb.

ARIZONA POINTS: Desert flowers in bloom and bees are brooding heavily. A considerable acreage of alfalfa reported plowed up for cotton. A little swarming reported already in neglected yards.

TEXAS POINTS: Recent cold spell has given bees a setback of undetermined extent. Fruit and forest trees and wild flowers were blooming and bees had been gathering plenty of pollen. Some surplus stored, and where nectar sufficient beekeepers have stopped feeding. Mesquite budding. Queen-rearing under way. Few 60s Light Amber extracted quoted at 15¢ per lb., small pails 15-16¢ per lb. Few sales beeswax reported at 23¢ cash or 25¢ in trade.

PLAINS AREA: Weather continues cold, but bees have had several good flights and seem to be coming along fairly well. Colonies very light in stores. Crop outlook fair to good. One carlot extracted White Clover reported sold at 10¢ per lb.; ton lots 10-12¢, single 60s 13-16¢ per lb.; ton lots Light Amber extracted 9¢. Beeswax has brought the producer 25-28¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Milder weather has permitted flights in most sections. Condition of colonies variable. Generally good where stores were ample, but some reported not wintering so well as last year. Clover plants well protected by snow, and crop outlook is generally good. Demand better than earlier in season and honey gradually cleaning up. Two carlots White extracted reported sold at 10¢ per lb., ton lots 10-12¢, single 60s 13-17¢, mostly 13-14¢, small pails wholesale 13 2/3-16¢ per lb. No. 1 White comb has sold lightly at $5.00-5.75 per case. The publicity given honey as an anti-freeze solution for automobile radiators is said to have increased its demand for human consumption.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Bees in cellars are reported wintering well; those outside have had occasional flights, and where stores were ample, have wintered fairly well. Clover now mostly protected by snow, and crop outlook is fair. All reports are to the effect that honey is cleaning up well, and comparatively little remains in beekeepers' hands. One carlot sale reported White Clover 10½¢, Buckwheat 9¢ per lb.; ton lots, Clover 10-11¢, Buckwheat 8-8½¢; single 60s, Clover 12-15¢, Buckwheat 10¢; small pails, Clover 12-17¢, Buckwheat 11¢ per lb. No. 1 and fancy White comb have sold in small lots at $4.00-5.40 per case, mostly $4.50-5.00, Buckwheat $3.40 per case.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Recent cold weather has checked brood- and queen rearing, and the season in nearly all sections is far behind normal. Bees in Louisiana are in fine condition, are storing large quantities of willow honey, and are working also on maple and fruit bloom. Heavy flow from White Clover looked for before last of month. Prospects not so bright in Mississippi, but good demand reported for package bees. In Georgia bees are working on early peach and plum bloom, are gaining in brood, and ty ty should be yielding in a few days. Queen orders reported good. Sales of beeswax reported at 20¢ per lb. North Carolina reports hives full of bees and prospects

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bright for 1924. Cool, cloudy weather has kept bees in Florida from doing anything for the past 10 days. Palmetto outlook good in that state. Amber extracted has sold in barrels at 6-8¢ per lb., Light Amber at 8-10¢ per lb.

CUBA: The equivalent of more than 4 cars of Amber honey in barrels has recently been shipped to Holland at 85¢ per gallon, including cost and freight.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
(Market reports are for March 14 or 15)

BOSTON: Since last report 20 bbls. Porto Rico arrived.

EXTRACTED: Demand moderate, market steady to firm on good stock. Sales to confectioners and wholesale grocers - per lb., Porto Rico, Light Amber 10¢, Dark 9-9½¢. Hawaii, white 10-11½¢. California, Light Amber Sage 13-14¢, few sales fancy high as 16¢, white Orange, demand poor, 16¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 3,800 lbs. Mont., 1,100 lbs. Wis., and 4,500 lbs. Wyo. arrived.

EXTRACTED: Demand slow, market steady. Sales to bottlers and confectioners - per lb., Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, white Clover and Alfalfa 10½-11¢, Light Amber 9½-10¢, Dark Mixed Flowers 8-8½¢.

COMB: Demand slow, market barely steady. Sales to retailers - Wyoming and Montana, double deck cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa and Wisconsin and Illinois, flat cases White Clover fancy $4.75-5.00, choice $4.25-4.50, dark $3.00-3.50.

BEESWAX: Movement moderate, market firmer. Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, bright, pure, 28-30¢, medium dark 25-27¢ per lb.

DENVER: Demand slow, market dull, no change in prices.

EXTRACTED: Sales to candy manufacturers and bakers - Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa White 14½¢, Light Amber 13½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover, very few sales, choice $5.60, off grade $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases white Alfalfa extra fancy $6.00, fancy $5.75, No. 1, $5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL. No large arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand light.

COMB: Market barely steady. Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Colorado, No. 1 White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $6.00-6.50.

EXTRACTED: Market steady. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers - per lb., Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 12½¢. Western, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 12½-13¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 58 bbls. Porto Rico (equivalent 1 car) arrived. Domestic receipts limited. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - per lb., New York, white Clover 12-12½¢, Buckwheat 9½-10½¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 12-12½¢.

COMB: Eastern, 24-section cases White Clover, fancy and No. 1, $5.50-6.00, No. 2, $4.50-5.00.

ADDITIONAL EXTRACTED: Porto Rico, market firm, 88-90¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Since last report 85 bags Cuba, 12 bags Porto Rico, 8 bags Chile, and 60 bbls. bleached Holland arrived. Demand good, market strong. Per lb. Chile, light, few sales, 31¢. West Indies, light 29-30¢, dark 24-25¢. Italy, light, few sales 27¢. Africa, dark 24-26¢.

PHILADELPHIA: No carlot arrivals since last report. Holdover supplies light. Market stronger and prices higher on account of scarcity, although no unusual demand reported.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers and bakers - Porto Rico, Light Amber 92-93¢, Amber 90¢, Dark Amber 88¢ per gal. Domestic, per lb., New York, White Clover 12½-13¢, Buckwheat 10¢.

ST. LOUIS: No large receipts reported since last report. Demand and movement moderate, prices practically unchanged, few sales reported. Sales to jobbers -

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover $5.75.

EXTRACTED: California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10¢ per lb. Colorado, White Sweet Clover 13¢ per lb.

BEESWAX: Since last report 1,428 lbs. received. Very light demand and movement locally. Dealers paying 24¢ per lb. for country run wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Demand slow, trading light account lower prices reported in some shipping districts. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Per lb., California and Nevada, White Star Thistle 10-11¢, Light Amber Alfalfa mostly 10¢. Nevada, white Sweet Clover 12-12½¢. Hawaii honey practically cleaned up, and no more imports expected to arrive.

COMB: Supplies fairly heavy and some stock reported starting to granulate. Prices lower. California and Nevada, 24-section cases No. 1, $4.50-5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.50.

BEESWAX: 27½-29¢ per lb.

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EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING JANUARY, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Canada	4,172	959
Honduras	50	20
Panama	200	70
Mexico	10	10
Cuba	2	1
Colombia	100	64
Philippine Islands	1,600	680
British Oceania	60	43
New Zealand	2,370	527
TOTAL	8,564	2,374

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The following article, from the January 12, 1924 issue of the "Commercial Intelligence Journal" issued by the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, Canada, although written entirely from the Canadian viewpoint, may contain points of value to American beekeepers.

WEST OF ENGLAND HONEY REQUIREMENTS

By Canadian Trade Commissioner Douglas S. Cole, Bristol, England, December 18, 1923.

Importers of bulk honey in the West of England are prepared to receive quotations from Canadian sources. Interviews with leading importers indicate that the New Zealand Cooperative Honey Producers' Association, Limited, have worked aggressively to capture the United Kingdom market, and in the past have sent large quantities on consignment to this country, speculating on the prices which they would obtain.

The excellence of such supplies of Canadian honey as have been available when required for this market has never been in dispute, but high prices and irregularity of supplies in the past have not been conducive to encouraging West of England importers. Two of the largest distributing firms who handle the New Zealand product, and do their own packing for retail distribution, are prepared to receive quotations and samples in the early part of the new year.

At present the largest supplies are from New Zealand, which are flooding the market. Prices for California honey have been gradually hardening, 50s ($11.25) to 56s. ($12.60) per cwt. of 112 pounds, c.i.f. Bristol, having obtained in March of this year, as compared with prices up to 62s. ($14.06) at the present time. Prices for New Zealand Light Amber or White honey are quite firm at 56s. to 62s. ($12.60 to $14.06), and certain supplies of Jamaican are available at varying prices. Samples forwarded should be Clover quality only, Buckwheat not being suitable for the English trade, and samples should be a minimum of 1 pound in weight.

Packing. The usual distribution to the retailers by the importers is in wax carton containers, glass bottles, or jars, ranging in size from ¼ pound to 5 pounds. For export from Canada the honey should be in jars, kegs or tins, preferably the latter in weight of 1 to 3 cwt. (112 pounds to 336 pounds) or in 60-pound tins, two tins to one crate as is the present Canadian practice. Alternative quotations on any packing best suited to the Canadian exporter will, however, be accepted.

It is problematical whether Canadian honey in glass jars or tins suitable for the retail trade can be packed in Canada and sold in England, owing to the increased cost. The best opportunity is for forwarding in bulk to permit the blending and distribution being done by importing firms on this side.

Quotations. Quotations may be either in Canadian or English currency, preferably the latter, and should be c.i.f. Avonmouth or free delivered Bristol. When considering price, market conditions are governed solely by quality.

Terms. Although the New Zealand representatives originally had large quantities of honey forwarded on consignment to the United Kingdom in order to obtain a foothold in the market, such methods of marketing will probably be unacceptable to Canadian exporters in view of the excellent demand in Canada, and the high prices obtained for home consumption. For established connections extended terms might be granted, but generally speaking cash against documents can be obtained provided price and samples are entirely satisfactory.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JANUARY, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
France	350	77
Greece	5,066	791
England	96	23
Canada	4,808	748
Mexico	740	54
Dominican Republic	5,828	276
Haiti	2,520	105
Hongkong	35	7
Palestime & Syria	486	92
Turkey in Asia	171	37
TOTAL	20,100	2,210
TOTAL IMPORTS JANUARY, 1923	27,166	1,718

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES DURING JANUARY'24

	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	245,292	14,950
Hawaii	371,476	20,011

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING JANUARY, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Belgium	69,882	3,849
Denmark	4,839	578
Germany	44,689	2,955
Sweden	6,000	660
England	69,195	5,720
Scotland	18,000	1,830
Canada	2,233	700
Honduras	99	17
Mexico	65	15
Bermuda	60	15
British India	1,656	500
Ceylon	120	30
Straits Settlements	223	68
China	1,818	459
Java and Madura	240	70
Other Dutch East Indies	390	130
Hongkong	819	230
Japan	48	17
Philippine Islands	3,432	792
French Oceania	30	10
TOTAL	223,838	18,645
TOTAL EXPORTS JANUARY, 1923	120,517	13,921

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JANUARY, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Belgium	53,913	10,508
Germany	2,205	473
Italy	4,415	889
Netherlands	1,552	353
Portugal	96,816	19,477
Turkey in Europe	7,092	1,698
England	56,685	12,137
Canada	337	84
Cuba	23,795	4,985
Dominican Republic	4,980	927
Haiti	2,336	467
Brazil	3,800	950
Chile	39,702	6,636
Hongkong	10	2
Egypt	1,960	365
TOTAL	299,598	59,951
TOTAL IMPORTS JANUARY, 1923	288,528	63,360

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U. S. DURING JANUARY, 1924

	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	5,297	996
Hawaii	-	-

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of March):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Frequent rains have fallen during the past two weeks, and Californians are hopeful that more will follow. Orange is starting to bloom and looks promising, but bees are in such poor shape that experienced beekeepers look for only ¼ crop. High winds and cold, disagreeable weather have checked brood-rearing, even in Imperial Valley. The rains have improved conditions in the buckwheat and white sage sections, but the outlook is not good in the black sage area. Few sales reported of 60s, white extracted 13-15¢, few higher, Light Amber 10-11¢ per lb. Beeswax 23-25¢ per lb. The Imperial Valley is reported about cleaned up on 1923 honey.

Northern California - Bees are building up strong, but much more rain is needed if prospects for a honey crop are to be favorable. One car Thistle honey reported sold at 8¢ per lb. for dark and 9¢ for light. Ton lots white sold at 10½¢. Beeswax has sold at 23¢ per lb. cash, 24¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Bees have wintered better than for several years, but consumed more stores than usual, and will need feeding. Bees working on apricot, cottonwood and other plants. Considerable inquiry reported, but honey is not moving rapidly. White extracted 8-9¢ per lb., ton lots 10-11¢, single 60s 12¢, small pails 14-16¢ per lb. Light Amber, ton lots, has sold at 10¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN SECTION: Recent heavy snowfall has improved prospects in Utah and Idaho, where shortage of water for irrigation was feared. Moisture ample in other states. Bees have generally come through winter very light in stores, but otherwise generally in good condition.

Demand has been good, and a considerable number of cars of extracted honey have been reported sold recently. Comparatively few cars now remain unsold throughout the section. Most recent carlot sales extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa made at 9¢ per lb., some 9¼¢, 9½¢, 9 3/5¢ per lb. Ton lots have sold at 9-12¢ per lb., single 60s 10-12¢, few 13 1/3¢, and small pails generally 11½-14½¢ per lb. Beeswax, 23-25¢ per lb. No transactions reported in comb honey.

ARIZONA POINTS: Spring flowers have benefited by recent much-needed rains, and prospects are good except for spring winds. Inquiries being received for entire 1924 crop; very little 1923 crop remains unsold.

TEXAS POINTS: The cold, wet and late spring has put the bees in a weak condition, and many colonies in north and central Texas are being fed, but with warm weather they should build up satisfactorily. Plenty of bloom reported from fruit trees, elm and hoarhound, but weather has generally been too cold for bees to utilize it. Many early honey plants injured by late frost, and main flow will be several weeks late. Due to unfavorable weather for queen-rearing, breeders will be delayed in filling early orders.

PLAINS AREA: Bees are flying again after being kept in hives by several weeks of cold weather. Heavy losses feared with outside-wintered bees, and more cellar-stored bees starved than usual. Clover prospects good. Demand reported improving. White extracted quoted, car lots 10½¢, ton lots 10-11½¢, single 60s 10-12¢, and small pails 15-16¢ per lb. Ton lots Light Amber and White mixed have sold at 8-9¢ per lb. Beeswax 20-25¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Cold, snow, and rainy weather are keeping bees in hives over much of the section, but they have generally wintered well. Snow is still protecting the clover, and crop prospects are considered good. Inquiry increasing, especially for comb, and many beekeepers are unable to fill orders. White Clover extracted quoted, carlots 10¢, ton lots mostly 12¢, single 60s 11-15¢ per lb., small pails 14-20¢ per lb. Few sales White Clover comb $4.50-5.50 per case.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Bees not yet out of cellar are quiet, with fewer dead bees in evidence than usual, although some report thay have used more stores than normal. Outside bees are flying frequently and seem to have wintered normally strong. Stores are generally light. Willows are backward in blooming. Many colonies will need to be fed.

Only large beekeepers have any appreciable amount of honey still on hand. Good demand reported from Jews as Passover approaches; other demand moderate. Ton lots of extracted White Clover have sold at 10-12¢ per lb., Buckwheat 8-9¢, single 60s Clover 11-13¢, Buckwheat 10¢. White Clover comb has sold in small lots at $4.00-5.00, few $6.00 per case.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Cold and unfavorable weather continues and has interfered with brood-rearing except in southern Louisiana and Florida where brood is building up rapidly. Vegetation is generally 3 weeks late. Ty ty is coming into bloom in Georgia. Alabama reports early Hubam plants killed by February freeze, but otherwise honey plants are generally in good shape. Orders for queens and package bees are good, but will be gotten out late.

CUBA: Weather conditions very unfavorable, and crop shortage may run 50-65% as compared with last year's yield. Very good demand reported from European countries, and sales reported at 85¢ per gal., including cost and freight.

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PORTO RICO: A little honey being gathered along the coast. Fruit bloom in hill districts helps brood-rearing. Local price has advanced slightly to 67¢ per gal. in 600-lb. barrels. Beeswax, 16¢ per lb.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
(Market reports are for March 31)

BOSTON: Since last report 203 cases Hawaii arrived. Trading light. Market firmer. Prices practically unchanged.

COMB: Sales to retailers - carton stock 24-section cases White Clover, New York $5.00-6.00, Vermont $5.50-6.50.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and wholesale grocers - per lb., Porto Rico, Light Amber 10¢, Dark 9½-10¢. Hawaii, White 10-11½¢. California, Light Amber Sage mostly 13¢, White Orange, demand poor, 16¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 2,180 lbs. Wis. arrived. Demand has been slow for the past two weeks with the market about steady on both comb and extracted.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners, per lb., Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, White Clover and Alfalfa 10½-11¢, Light Amber 9½-10¢, Dark Mixed Flowers 8-8½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Montana and Wyoming, fancy White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $4.75-5.00. Wisconsin and Illinois, White Clover fancy $4.50-4.75, mostly $4.50, choice $4.00-4.25, Dark $3.00-3.50.

BEESWAX: Trading moderate. Market steady. Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, bright 28-30¢, medium dark 25-27¢ per lb.

DENVER: Demand improving, market steady. Cheap stock cleaning up.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers and bakers - Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa White 14½¢, Light Amber 13½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover choice $5.60, off grade $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement moderate, market dull. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa extra fancy $5.75, fancy $5.50, No. 1, $5.25.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand light, market steady.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Colorado, No. 1 White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $6.00-6.50.

EXTRACTED: Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers - per lb., Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 12½¢. Western, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 12½-13¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Domestic receipts limited. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - per lb., New York, White Clover 12-12½¢, Buckwheat 9½-10½¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 11½-12½¢. California, White Orange, few sales, 14-16¢, Light Amber Sage 11½-12¢. Porto Rico, demand moderate, market slightly stronger, 90-95¢ per gal.

COMB: Eastern, 24-section cases White Clover fancy and No. 1, $5.50-6.50, No. 2, $4.55.

BEESWAX: Since last report 72 bbls., 60 cases Holland, 60 bags Belgium, 4 bags Porto Rico, 2 bags Chile arrived. Demand good, market strong, few sales. Per lb., Chile, light 31-33¢. Africa and West Indies, dark 25-28¢.

ST. LOUIS: No large arrivals reported since last report. Demand and movement slow, market barely steady, prices unchanged. Very few sales reported. Sales to jobbers.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover $5.75.

EXTRACTED: Per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢. Colorado, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢.

BEESWAX: Since last report 335 lbs. arrived. Very light demand and movement locally. Dealers paying 24¢ for country run wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Demand better than in previous report. Trading fairly active. Market firm. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: per lb., California, White Star Thistle 10-11¢, Light Amber Alfalfa mostly 10¢.

COMB: 24-section cases California, No. 1, $4.50-5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.50.

BEESWAX: 27½-29¢ per lb.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING FEBRUARY, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
England	3,696
Canada	2,152
Costa Rica	58
French West Indies	1,453
Colombia	389
Palestine & Syria	220
Turkey in Asia	327
TOTAL	8,295
TOTAL IMPORTS FEBRUARY, 1923.	23,547

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES DURING FEBRUARY, 1924

	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	116,887	6,460
Hawaii	47,178	3,545

RE EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING FEBRUARY, 1924

	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Country not given	5,562	330

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING FEBRUARY, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Austria	3,484	278
Denmark	12,000	1,290
Germany	42,051	4,109
Italy	29,076	2,540
Netherlands	13,611	890
England	128,316	14,008
Scotland	12,000	1,275
Canada	4,267	995
Honduras	34	12
Panama	16	8
Bermuda	106	26
Other British West Indies	56	19
Cuba	90	30
Bolivia	30	6
British India	1,409	477
Straits Settlements	240	80
China	1,120	334
Java and Madura	368	120
Hejaz, Arabia, etc.	50	8
Hongkong	839	264
Japan	600	200
Philippine Islands	1,304	400
Siam	150	50
TOTAL	251,217	27,419
TOTAL EXPORTS FEBRUARY, 1923	245,731	25,225

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING FEBRUARY, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
Belgium	14,930
Germany	26,202
Italy	2,207
Portugal	65,519
Turkey in Europe	2,600
England	48,207
Other British West Indies	141
Cuba	24,309
Dominican Republic	6,887
Haiti	936
Brazil	13,124
Chile	13,621
China	2,063
Egypt	12,806
TOTAL	233,552
TOTAL IMPORTS FEBRUARY, 1923	581,733

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SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING FEBRUARY, 1924

	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Porto Rico	1,107	174
Hawaii	3,371	728

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING FEBRUARY, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
England	14,092	4,563
Canada	1,025	376
Philippine Islands	100	28
Australia	25	11
New Zealand	2,160	477
TOTAL	17,402	5,455

APICULTURE IN HAITI

By Consul Winthrop R. Scott, Cape Haitien, Haiti.
February 15, 1924.

The best Haitian honey is made from the blossoms of logwood or Campéche wood, which was introduced into Haiti from the island of Campéche in 1730 and which now grows in great abundance throughout the Republic.

The honey industry, on a scientific scale, was started about 20 years ago with imported Italian bees from the United States.

The larger bee keepers have renewed their strain with the same variety of queens in each instance but the small producers have used queens obtained by crossing native bees.

Campéche honey is nearly white in color and possesses a delicate quality. Unless gathered very ripe this logwood honey may become cloudy in two or three months and crystallize soon thereafter. This product is closely akin to honey made from the nectar of royal palms, which grow in profusion throughout the island. In many instances the bees feed upon both royal palms and logwood trees, thus producing a blended and much desired yield. Honey secured from indiscriminate tropical flowers is of a red or yellow shade and if gathered when fully matured lasts indefinitely.

The superior flavor of Haitian honey is much appreciated in France, where it has always brought a higher price than that obtained in the United States. During 1923 practically all the Haitian honey was shipped to France.

Objections of American wholesalers to honey from Haiti are due to the faults of producers in gathering it before it is ripe, packing it badly and sometimes permitting it to be mixed with bees and beeswax. With more care these criticisms could be eliminated.

Exportations to Europe are also facilitated by the absence of appreciable import duties in contrast to the duty of 3 cents per pound levied by the American government. There is a small Haitian export tax of 13 cents per hundred pounds or $.015 per gallon, which does not hinder the export trade.

In Northern Haiti flowers appear in the greatest abundance during the rainy season, which extends from October to May, with the natural consequence that the production of honey occurs during the winter months. Very little is harvested during the dry summer. Normally a 32 gallon barrel of honey is obtained from each ten colonies of bees. Records of an exceptionally high yield showed 20 barrels from one hundred colonies during a very favorable year.

Recent prices in New York for Haitian honey are quoted at about $.60 per gallon delivered. Producers here are able to sell to French purchasers at a price which will net them $.60 a gallon f.o.b. steamer Cape Haitien. Prices a year ago in New York averaged from $.70 to $.80 but, for the reasons explained previously, Haitian honey was not in great demand in America.

The following comparative tables of the Haitian honey export trade were taken from the annual reports of the Haitian Government made by the Haitian Customs Receivership.

	Year Ended September 30, 1921		1922	
Country of destination	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Pounds		Pounds	
United States	43,877	$2,267	11,254	$938
France	654,727	22,848	1,116,592	43,884
United Kingdom	82,520	1,517	112,660	9,820
Other Countries	109,560	2,251	205,074	7,434
Total	890,684	28,883	1,445,580	62,076

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HONEY NO. 142

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of April):

CALIFORNIA POINTS. Southern California - Recent abundant rains have materially changed the situation over the earlier outlook, and it now appears that a crop of Sage honey is possible in some sections. Oranges are in full bloom, but bees have worked little on them, as a result of cloudy, cold and rainy weather, and the weakness of the bees. Heavy losses from starvation were reported during late March and early April, especially among the stronger colonies, which bred up during warm weather and used up their stores. Thousands of colonies have been brought to orange districts from sage territory. Much buying of package bees reported. In Imperial Valley cold and windy weather has forced many bees to point of starvation. Few sales reported in single 60s of White Orange at 13-16¢, Light Amber, inferior flavor, 15¢ per lb. Beeswax, light 22¢, dark 20¢ per lb.

Northern California - Rains during last March and early April have given promise of a better crop of Thistle honey than was indicated earlier in the year. Strong, cold winds have interfered somewhat with the work of bees, but they are building up strong and are beginning to swarm. Lack of rain reported serious along Oregon border. Fruit bloom earlier than usual, but bees reported to have gotten few stores from this source. 1923 crop mostly sold. Few sales reported of White Star Thistle in single 60s, 11-12¢, ton lots 10-10½¢, small pails 16¢, Amber honey single 60s 9¢, ton lots 8¢ per lb. Beeswax, 22-24¢ per lb., according to color.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: The outlook is reported as very favorable, with bees working on fruit trees, poplars, etc., except in certain areas in eastern Oregon where much alfalfa is being ploughed up and the weevil was bad last year. Bees wintered better than usual. Few small lot sales reported of White Alfalfa, single 60s, 12½¢, 10-lb. pails 15¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN SECTION: Bees wintered fairly well, but many colonies need feeding and loss from starvation may be considerable. Also heavy losses reported from some colonies which were packed with light stores. Queens are laying rapidly and bees are getting pollen from trees and wild plants. Plenty of moisture in ground except in Utah, which reports shortage of snow despite recent heavy storms.

Honey in hands of beekeepers is generally cleaned up. A few cars of extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa reported sold recently at 9¢ per lb., 1 small car at 8½¢, 1 car at 9½¢ and 1 at 10¢ per lb., ton lots 8-10¢, single 60s 10-11¢, small pails 14-15¢, wholesale 11½-12½¢ per lb. Comb honey practically exhausted. Beeswax is being offered more plentifully as some buyers are off the market. The general price is 23¢ per lb. cash or 25¢ in trade.

ARIZONA POINTS: Cold, windy weather is retarding the season, but recent rains have helped the desert plants. Considerable swarming reported. Feeding necessary at high elevations. Many bee men have moved to mesquite locations in anticipation of a good mesquite crop. Alfalfa and cotton honey crops may be short.

TEXAS POINTS: Spring is backward, but bees are gathering some surplus from willow, youpon, blackberry, pecan, persimmon, etc., and most beekeepers have stopped feeding. Colonies are generally in good shape and are building up strongly. Heavy swarming expected soon. Queen breeders and shippers of package bees have already made shipments north.

PLAINS AREA: Bees are now out of cellars and are working on elm, maple and other early bloom. Stores were consumed abnormally heavily during the winter, and heavy winter losses were reported where ample stores were not given in the fall. Many beekeepers are feeding. Clovers, both white and sweet, wintered very well, and bees that are left should gather a good crop of honey. Few sales extracted White Clover reported, ton lots 9-11½¢, small pails, wholesale 15¢, ton lots Dark Amber Buckwheat 8¢. Small lot sales No. 1 White comb $5.25, Spanish Needle and Heartsease $5.00, mixed flowers $3.75-4.50 per case.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Bees are partly out of cellars and are generally in good condition. Worse losses reported in Ohio than in any other state. The ample covering of snow will let the clover get a good start, and the outlook for a good crop the coming season is above normal. Maple is starting to bloom, and brood-rearing is well under way. Recent carlot quotations of White Clover received from 9½ to 11¢ per lb.; ton lots have sold at 10-12¢ per lb., single 60s at 12-15¢, and small pails wholesale at 12-15¢ per lb. Single 60s dark honey 10¢. Few sales Buckwheat comb made at $3.75 per case. Beeswax quoted at 25¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Continued cold weather has kept many bees in northern New York and Vermont in the cellars. Those examined have generally wintered well with slight losses, and many colonies seem well supplied with stores. Bees which are flying have gathered some pollen from maple, skunk cabbage, etc. Clover prospects seem good. More Buckwheat will be planted in Pennsylvania than usual. Current demand affected by interest in maple products. Ton lots White Clover have sold at 10¢, single 60s 11-12¢, small pails wholesale 12¢; Buckwheat, ton lots 8½¢, single 60s 8½-10¢, small pails wholesale 11¢ per lb. Clover comb in small lots has sold from $4.25 to $5.00 per case.

PORTO RICO: The price for extracted in 600-lb. barrels has advanced further recently, and is now quoted at 71¢ per gal. to the beekeeper. Some honey is coming in up in the hill districts, and there is a little honey to be extracted on the west side of the Island during April. Beeswax is quoted at 16¢ per lb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Louisiana reports that hives are overflowing with bees, and that beekeeping conditions could not be better than at present. Prospects are fine for a large crop. A heavy flow is now on from willows. Much swarming already. In Georgia and South Carolina spring is 25 days late, but honey flow is on in earnest from ty ty, huckleberry and fruit bloom. Colonies and honey plants are both in good condition, and the crop outlook is good. Swarming is said to be worse than usual. Georgia reports a big demand for queens, and the supply is scarce. Tulip poplar will be in bloom shortly. Bees are getting a little nectar from minor honey plants in North Carolina. Many colonies in Alabama still need feeding, and queen-rearing operations have just started. Bees in Florida are working on wild mustard and orange, and are beginning on gallberry and palmetto.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
(Market reports are for April 14)

BOSTON: Since last report 9 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. Trading very light, market dull, quotations nominal.

COMB: Sales to retailers - carton stock, 24-section cases White Clover, New York, $5.00-6.00, Vermont $6.00-6.50, 20-section cases Vermont $5.50-6.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and wholesale grocers - per lb., Porto Rico, Light Amber 10¢, Dark 9½-10¢. Hawaii, White 9½-10½¢. California, Light Amber Sage mostly 13¢, White Orange, demand poor, 16¢.

CHICAGO: No large arrivals since last report. Demand has been just fair for the past two weeks with the market about steady for both comb and extracted.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - per lb., Wisconsin, White Clover and Basswood 12-12½¢. Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois, White Clover and Sweet Clover 10½-11½¢, mostly 11¢, Light Amber Mixed Alfalfa and Clover 9½-10½¢, Dark Mixed Flavors 8-8½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Colorado, White Clover and Sweet Clover fancy $5.00-5.25, No. 1, $4.75-5.00, No. 2, $4.25-4.75, Dark $3.25-3.75.

BEESWAX: Trading moderate. Market stronger. Per lb., Illinois and Iowa, light 32-34¢, dark 27-29¢. Africa and South America, best light 28-30¢.

DENVER: Demand limited, market steady, no change in prices.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers and bakers - Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa White 14½¢, Light Amber 13½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover choice $5.60, off grade $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and trading moderate, market dull. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa extra fancy $5.75, fancy $5.50, No. 1, $5.25.

MINNEAPOLIS: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies very light. Demand very slow, market dull.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Minnesota, White Clover $5.00-5.50. Colorado, No. 1. White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $6.00-6.50.

EXTRACTED: Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers - per lb., Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 12¢. Western, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed 12½¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 37 bbls. Porto Rico, 9 bbls. Cuba arrived. Domestic receipts limited. Demand moderate, trading light, market steady. Sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - per lb., New York, White Clover 12-12½¢. Buckwheat 9½-10½¢. California, White Orange 14-16¢. Foreign receipts light. Demand moderate, market firm. Porto Rico, 90-95¢ per gal.

COMB: Eastern, 24-section cases White Clover fancy and No. 1, $5.50-6.50, No. 2, $4.55.

BEESWAX: Since last report 155 bags Cuba, 26 bags San Domingo, 58 sacks Chile, 12 bbls. Brazil, 122 bags England arrived. Demand good, market steady. Per lb., Chile, Brazil and West Indies, light 31-32¢, few sales 33¢. Italy, light 28-29¢. Africa, dark 25-27¢. West Indies, dark 24-26¢.

PHILADELPHIA: No large arrivals since report of March 15. Holdover supplies very light. Porto Rico honey scarce with market strong although no unusual demand. Domestic stock steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers and bakers - Porto Rico, Light Amber 92¢, Amber 90¢ per gal. New York, White Clover 12½-13¢, Buckwheat 10¢ per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10¢, Water White Sage 15¢.

ST. LOUIS: No large receipts reported since last report. Practically no demand or movement. Market very dull, no change in prices.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover $5.75.

EXTRACTED: Per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢. Colorado, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢.

BEESWAX: Since last report 471 lbs. arrived. Dealers paying 24-25¢ per lb. for ungraded country run wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies light. Trading dull. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: per lb., California, White Star Thistle 10-11¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 10½-11¢.

COMB: 24-section cases No. 1, $4.50-5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.50.

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HONEY NO. 143

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of April:

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Continued rains have enabled honey plants to get a good start, and the outlook for a small crop of honey from buckwheat and white sage is improving. The rain came too late for much flow from the black sage. A small crop of mesquite honey is in prospect. Oranges are in full bloom, but bees are not generally strong enough to work them to best advantage. Bees within range of mountains said to be doing better than others. The orange nectar is said to be very thin. Some swarming reported. Cool, cloudy weather and winds have retarded bees, especially in Imperial Valley. Considerable European foulbrood is showing up among the weakened colonies.

Idaho has passed an embargo on bees from California on account of the hoof and mouth disease. Many small beekeepers have gone out of business.

Northern California - Orange trees are blooming, and where bees have sufficient strength, some honey is being secured. The average colony will obtain only a light surplus. And owing to shortage of rain the thistle crop is not expected to be large. Bees are working on eucalyptus. Some beekeepers are still feeding; others are moving to more favorable locations. Although scattered cases of American foulbrood are reported, it is said that conditions are rather better than in 1923 and decidedly better than in 1922. Few sales White Star Thistle reported, ton lots 10¢, single 60s 10½-12¢, small pails 12-15¢ per lb. Beeswax, mixed country run, 22¢ per lb. cash, 24¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Dry, cool weather is keeping back honey plants, and in eastern part of the section some fruit bloom and locust were damaged by late frosts. Colonies strong, and many are working on dandelion and fruit-bloom. In some districts food-supplies are low and bees will require feeding. Some large beekeepers have lowered their quotations. Sales reported of Light Alfalfa and Sweet Clover, ton lots 9½-11¢, single 60s 10-12½¢ per lb. Few sales White comb reported at $4.80 per case.

INTERMOUNTAIN SECTION: Dry, cool, windy weather is keeping bees back, but colonies are breeding up well considering the backward spring. Many bees are short of stores and will have to be fed. Winter losses about average. Prospects for a crop from alfalfa and sweet clover seem favorable except in parts of Idaho, where water shortage and alfalfa weevil may interfere with the honey yield.

Honey seems to be cleaning up rapidly. Demand is reported as dull, but numerous cars of extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa have sold recently at 9¢ per lb., 1 car at 9½¢, and 2 cars of Light Amber at 8½-9¢. Some beekeepers are holding carlots of White extracted for 9½-10¢ per lb. Not many less carlot sales reported. Beeswax is quoted at 22-25¢ per lb. to the beekeeper.

ARIZONA POINTS: A late, cold spring, with high winds, following an early warm spell which caused bees to brood up, made feeding necessary and some colonies starved. But now bees are generally in a good condition, and are bringing in some stores. At 5,000 feet elevation bees are swarming. Mesquite is about to bloom and prospects are good for a crop. There is a large acreage in short staple cotton, but not much honey is expected from that source. Good business is reported in package bees, and some orders have been turned down.

TEXAS POINTS: The early spring loss was heavy due to the delayed spring and lightness of stores, but a good flow is now on from mesquite, willow, huajilo, ratan, blue sage, etc. Horsemint, huckleberry, honey locust, black gum, persimmon, and other plants are about to bloom. Condition of honey plants is said to be the best in years, and a good crop is looked for. There has been heavy swarming in some sections, but bees have generally settled down. Package bees and queens are being shipped north in large quantities. Good demand for honey, but little available. Light beeswax has brought the beekeeper 23¢ per lb. cash, or 25¢ in trade, dark 18-20¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: The cold, windy spring is holding back brood-rearing. Losses heavy from short stores and failing queens, and considerable feeding is being done. Bees are bringing in pollen from maples and elms, and honey from willows. Clover condition is spotted, but the general idea is that a good crop will be secured. Demand is said to be good, but honey is generally cleaned up. Beeswax has been selling at 24-25¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Many colonies not unpacked until late in April. Early pollen has not yielded as usual due to cold weather, thus checking brood-rearing. Some colonies are getting very weak and many are running short of stores. Queen-rearing is four weeks behind. Clover is in fine condition, and with suitable weather a good crop of honey should be secured. Demand is only moderate, calls for maple syrup replacing those for honey, but very little honey available. Few ton lot sales White Clover 10 1/8-12½¢, few lower, mostly 11-12¢, single 60s 12½-15¢, few lower, ton lots Light Amber 10¢. A few cases of White Clover comb have sold at $4.50 per case.

PORTO RICO: A fair yield is promised on the coast, and trees are blooming well in the hill districts. Current prices in 600-lb. barrels range 66-70¢ per gal.

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NORTHEASTERN STATES: Bees are emerging from winter quarters in good condition, but many colonies are short of stores and must be fed. The late spring has retarded brood rearing, little pollen having been secured. Honey plants are generally normal. Clover has frozen badly in a few sections, but most reports indicate that it is in good condition. 1923 crop is very largely disposed of. Few sales reported of extracted White Clover in 60-lb. cans at 12-12½¢, ton lots 11¢ per lb., dark extracted ton lots 9¢, single 60s 10¢. Few cases of White Clover comb reported sold at $5.00 per case.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Bees in Louisiana are working steadily on white clover, tupelo, red haw, blackberry, black gum and other plants, and in some sections of the State have stored large quantities of honey. Little extracting has been done. Considerable swarming reported. Condition of bees and honey plants is reported as excellent. Honey plants in Florida are nearly a month late. Tupelo, gallberry and scrub palmetto are just coming on, but bloom is heavy and if weather holds favorable a good crop of honey should be secured. Mississippi bees are building up very fast. Good package business reported. Few sales Amber extracted, in 10-lb. pails, 13½¢ per lb. Queen breeders in Alabama are a month behind due to the retarded spring, but the flow is now on and bees are building up fast. The flow in Georgia is now on from tulip trees, black tupelo, and blackberry, and gallberry is now opening up. Nectar from holly and white tupelo expected shortly. Swarming has slackened somewhat. Heavy demand for package bees, which are very much delayed.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

(Market reports are for April 30)

BOSTON: Since last report 1 car Hawaii arrived. Demand has been light during past two weeks and trading dull.

COMB: Sales by receivers to retailers - New York, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $5.00-6.00, carton stock $6.50. Vermont, 20-section cases, carton stock, 14-oz. $6.00, 12-oz. $4.50, 10-oz. $4.25.

EXTRACTED: Per lb.: Sales by receivers to candy manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers - Porto Rico, Light Amber 10¢, Dark Amber 9½-10¢. Hawaii, White 9½-10½¢. California, Light Amber Sage 13-14¢, White Orange 16¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 14-15¢. Brokers' quotations delivered Boston basis - Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 10½¢. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 9 3/4¢.

CHICAGO: No large arrivals since last report. Demand and trading has been very light for the past two weeks and the market dull for both comb and extracted.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover 10½-11½¢, mostly 11-11½¢, Light Amber 9-10¢, Dark Mixed Flavors 8-8½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - Iowa, Wisconsin and Colorado, 24-section cases White Clover and Sweet Clover fancy $4.75-5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.25, dark $3.00-3.50.

BEESWAX: Trading light. Market dull. Illinois and Iowa, light 28-31¢, dark 25-27¢.

DENVER: Demand very light, market dull, few sales at unchanged prices.

EXTRACTED: Sales to candy manufacturers and bakers - Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa White 14½¢, Light Amber 13½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover $5.60, off grade $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and trading moderate, market dull. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa extra fancy $5.75, fancy $5.50, No. 1, $5.25.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies very light. Market dull.

COMB: Demand slow. Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Minnesota, White Clover $5.00. Colorado, No. 1 White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $5.00-6.50.

EXTRACTED: Demand very slow. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers - per lb., Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 12¢. Colorado, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 12½¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 22 bbls. Porto Rico, 40 cases Greece arrived. Domestic receipts limited. Demand limited following Jewish holidays, market steady. Sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers - per lb., New York, White Clover 11-12½¢, Buckwheat 8½-9½¢. California, White Orange, few sales, 16¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 11-12½¢. Porto Rico, demand moderate, market slightly stronger, few sales 93-97¢ per gal.

COMB: Eastern, 24-section cases White Clover fancy and No. 1, $5.00-5.50, few $6.00, No. 2, $4.55.

BEESWAX: Since last report 14 bbls. Porto Rico, 16 bags Cuba, 2 seroons Dominican Republic, 43 bbls., 155 bags Chile, 35 bags Italy, 50 cases Holland, 13 cases Aden arrived. Domestic: receipts very light. Demand moderate, market steady. Per lb., New York, light mostly 30¢. North Carolina, light 30-32¢. Foreign. Demand moderate, market firm. Chile, light 31-32¢, few 33¢. West Indies, light 29-31¢. Africa, dark 26-27¢. West Indies, dark 23-24¢. per lb.

PHILADELPHIA: No large arrivals since last report. Holdover supplies light. Porto Rico honey very scarce with market firm. Demand is light, but dealers look for interest to improve before long. Domestic honey about steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers, confectioners and bakers - Porto Rico, Light Amber 95¢, Amber 93¢ per gal. New York, White Clover 12½-13¢, Buckwheat 10¢ per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10-10½¢, Water White Sage 15¢ per lb.

ST. LOUIS: No receipts reported since last report. Very little demand and practically no movement. Business extremely dull, not enough sales to quote. Asking Prices:

EXTRACTED: California, Light Amber Alfalfa 9-10¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover $5.50-5.75.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING MARCH, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
Greece	225
Italy	1,920
England	576
Canada	3,574
Guatemala	3,000
Hongkong	70
Japan	258
Palestine and Syria	1,445
Turkey in Asia	8
TOTAL	11,076
TOTAL IMPORTS MARCH, 1923	9,303

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING MARCH, 1924

	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	95,685	5,933
Hawaii	28,943	1,747

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING MARCH, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Austria	17,659	1,238
Denmark	12,377	1,170
Germany	16,017	1,392
Netherlands	16,680	1,992
Sweden	60	13
Switzerland	4,320	550
England	216,930	24,529
Canada	3,843	1,094
Mexico	5	1
Bermuda	225	52
Cuba	40	12
Dutch West Indies	88	14
Peru	56	15
British India	510	170
Ceylon	30	10
Straits Settlements	738	241
China	1,102	322
Java and Madura	150	50
Other Dutch East Indies	48	14
Hongkong	150	50
Japan	752	199
Philippine Islands	720	190
Siam	210	70
TOTAL	292,710	33,386
TOTAL EXPORTS MARCH, 1923	324,639	29,164

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING MARCH, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
Belgium	10,495
Italy	55
Netherlands	1,578
England	23,661
Canada	1,262
Cuba	84,101
Dominican Republic	3,011
Brazil	18,189
Chile	1,023
Aden	1,988
Egypt	33,317
TOTAL	178,680
TOTAL IMPORTS MARCH, 1923	248,746

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING MARCH, 1924

	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	3,022	709
Hawaii	2,990	543

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EXPORTS OF BEES WAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING MARCH, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Canada	5,456	2,098
Mexico	20	13
Newfoundland and Labrador	128	38
Trinidad and Tobago	50	25
Cuba	142	40
Chile	188	57
Philippine Islands	1,420	595
New Zealand	2,252	506
TOTAL	9,636	3,372

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MARKET CONDITIONS FOR HONEY IN GERMANY
-By Canadian Trade Commissioner L. D. Wilgress

Hamburg, March 14, 1924 - A fairly considerable quantity of honey is imported into Germany from Chile, Guatemala and the West Indies. Formerly Californian honey was also imported and was very well liked on account of its fine flower flavor, but at present is not able to compete in price with honey from the sources mentioned. The Chilean suppliers have recently greatly improved the quality of their honey and it is shipped in a cleaner condition. Owing to its cheap price Chilean honey therefore accounts for the bulk of the total importations into Germany. The following table shows the quantities imported from leading sources during the last two years:-

	1922 Pounds	1923 Pounds
Chile	351,120	216,260
Guatemala	5,500	122,320
Haiti	60,500	97,240
Other countries	372,220	99,200
TOTAL	791,340	535,020

Importers were greatly interested in the possibility of securing supplies of honey from Canada. If Canadian honey approached Californian in quality and the price was in line, they believed business could be done. The ruling price at present for Chilean and West Indian honey is around 30 shillings per hundred-weight (112 lbs.) or about 6 cents a pound c.i.f. Hamburg. Slightly higher prices could be paid for superior quality.

The honey for the German market should be heavily boiled. Buckwheat and "flower" honey is preferred to clover honey. From Chile, honey is imported packed in barrels of 75 kilograms (165 lbs.), while larger barrels are used from other countries ranging up to 400 kilograms (880 lbs.) from Haiti. From the United States and also from Guatemala the honey is mostly imported in cans, two 27-kilogram (60-lbs.) cans being packed in a case. This, it was stated, would probably be the most suitablt form of package for Canadian honey shipped to the German market. For duty purposes it is important that there should be a screwed-on cap to the can, as honey imported in a closed soldered can would be subject to a higher rate of duty. The customs duty on honey imported into Germany in the above-mentioned packages would be 40 marks ($9.50) per 100 kilograms (220 lbs.)

Most of the honey imported into Germany is sold to honey dealers who resell to confectioners or else repack the honey into small packages for retail sale. It is not thought that it would be possible to profitably import honey done up in small packages.

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HONEY NO. 144

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of May):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Weather cool, cloudy or foggy, with no rain. Bees in some areas have reached normal in brood, but in general they are still weak. Orange flow is about over. Yields vary greatly. The general opinion is for 1/4 crop of orange honey, but some beekeepers expect 60-lb. per colony, while many do not look for any surplus. Condition of buckwheat and sage improving. In favorable sections 1/2 crop white sage may be secured. A little orange honey has been extracted. Beekeepers are expecting 15¢ per lb. for Orange in 60-lb. cans, 14¢ per lb. in ton lots. Few sales Light Amber Alfalfa comb No. 1, $6.00, No. 2, $4.80. Beeswax 22-25¢ per lb. to producers.

Northern California- Abnormal drouth compels beekeepers to feed, and causes anxiety about growth of thistle, and only a light crop of thistle honey expected. Some irrigation pumps in Siskiyou County plan to shut down soon account lack of water. What Orange honey was secured by the bees was largely consumed in building up. New honey, which is rather dark and very thick and heavy, is in short supply. Many are not extracting. The market is about 1/2 cent per lb. stronger. Few sales White Thistle honey, ton lots 10½¢. A carlot reported held for 11¢ per lb. Beeswax is selling for 22¢ per lb. cash, 24¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Frost and continued cool weather have destroyed or delayed many flowers. In some districts so much fruit bloom was killed by frost that the usual danger from spray poisoning will be lacking. Many are still feeding. Outlook good in favored sections. Some districts report considerable American foulbrood. Several carlots still in beekeepers' hands, for which 10-12¢ per lb. is being asked, but little demand reported. Few sales White Alfalfa, 60-lb. cans 12½¢, ton lots 11¢ per lb., amber extracted, sales ton lots 10¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN SECTION: Season 3 weeks late, and some bees not removed from winter packing until after the first of May. Utah and Southern Idaho are threatened by a severe water shortage, which would mean a light crop. Considerable spring dwindling reported in Utah and western Colorado, where cold winds and cloudy weather are keeping bees from working on dandelion and fruit bloom. Montana, Wyoming and western Colorado report abundance of moisture and good prospects, with bees building up well on dandelion and fruit bloom.

A few scattered cars are left, but supplies are generally very light. One car White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa reported sold for 9¢ per lb., ton lots generally 9¢, few 11-12¢, one lot 7 3/4¢, single 60s 10-12¢, few 13 1/3¢, small pails, wholesale 11½-12½¢, few 16¢, all per lb. A few carlots White extracted are being held for 9½-10¢ per lb.

ARIZONA POINTS: In alfalfa area bees are very light in stores, requiring feeding. In mesquite locations conditions are spotted: some report the plants as yielding heavily; others that unfavorable weather has checked the flow. In general, the outlook is favorable for a fair crop of wild honey.

TEXAS POINTS: Swarming is about over. Mesquite, huajilo, and catclaw have yielded only lightly account showers in April and early May. Weather conditions are now favorable for nectar secretion; bees are showing a surplus from hoarhound; and horsemint flow will soon be on. A hail storm May 8 did considerable damage to flow in central States. Little extracting so far, but many beekeepers will extract later in the month. Few sales beeswax, light 22-23¢ in cash, 25¢ in trade, dark, 18-20¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Cold, windy weather hindering bees from working on fruit bloom, willow and dandelions. Snowfall reported in parts of Iowa second week in May. Many bees still need feeding. Clover came through the winter in good shape, and prospects are favorable for a fine clover flow as there is plenty of moistur in the ground to keep the plants coming along. Few sales reported, ton lots White Clover extracted 10¼-11¢, single 60s 13-15¢, 5-lb. pails 15-18¢, all per lb. Beeswax has sold in small lots at 24¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Clover is in good condition, but brood-rearing has been retarded by the very cold, windy, raining spring. Bees have been able to work only a few days on dandelion and fruit bloom. Some colonies are starving due to lack of stores, and many must be fed shortly. With favorat weather, prospects are for a good crop. Demand light, but little honey now on hand. Few sales extracted White Clover, 60-lb. cans 13-13 1/3¢ per lb., ton lo 12¢, small pails, wholesale 15¢ per lb., amber, 60s 11¢ per lb., one lot Buckwheat extracted reported sold at 7¢ per lb., Beeswax, 25¢ per lb. to producer.

PORTO RICO: It has been quite dry over most of the island, but some honey is now coming in in the hill sections. A little honey is being offered for sale from coast apiaries.

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NORTHEASTERN STATES: Season continues cold and cloudy, very backward. Bees very short of stores. Considerable feeding has been done, and more will be necessary i bees are not to starve, unless weather warms up. Maple is in bloom, and fruit bloom should open in a few days. Colonies are building up well. 1923 crop is wel cleaned up. Few sales White Clover extracted, ton lots 11¢ per lb., single 60s- 12½¢, Buckwheat ton lots 8½¢, single 60s 10¢. Few cases White Comb sold at $5.00-6.00 per case.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: The spring flow in Georgia has been about normal, in spite of many days being cold, rainy and windy, and extracting is just beginning. Demand f queens and package bees is heavier than usual, taxing shippers to capacity. In som areas bees are in poor condition. The weather in Louisiana has been unfavorable for extracting, but a good crop of honey is expected. The clover honey will be unusuall light-colored this year. Bees have been building up rapidly in Alabama, where considerable nectar has been secured from white clover. A good orange crop has been secured in Florida, of lighter color than usual. New honey will be ready in North Carolina in 2 or 3 weeks, and prospects are for a good crop.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
(Market reports are for May 14)

BOSTON: No large arrivals reported since last report. Demand slow, market dull. Some dealers practically cleaned up for season.

COMB: Sales by receivers to retailers- New York, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $5.00-6.00. Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock 14-ounce $6.00, 12-ounce $4.50, 10-ounce $4.25.

EXTRACTED: Per lb., sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers- Porto Rico, Light Amber 10¢, Dark Amber 9½-10¢. Hawaii, White 9½-10½¢. California, Light Amber Sage 13¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 14-15¢.

CHICAGO: No arrivals since last report. Demand and trading very light for past 2 weeks, and market very dull both for comb and extracted. Supplies very light.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover 11-11 3/4¢, mostly 11½¢, Light Amber 10-10½¢, dark mixed flavors 8-9¢, all per lb.

COMB: Sales to retailers- Iowa, Wisconsin and Colorado, 24-section cases White Clover and Sweet Clover fancy $4.75-5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.25, Light Amber $3.00-3.50.

BEESWAX: Trading very light. Market dull. Illinois, light 28-30¢, dark 24-27¢.

DENVER: Demand slow, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to candy manufacturers and bakers- Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 14½¢ per lb.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and trading moderate, market steady on extracted, slightly weaker on comb. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa No. 1, $5.00, fancy $5.25, extra fancy $5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies very light. Demand very slow, market dull.

COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases Minnesota, White Clover $5.00. Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $6.00-6.50.

EXTRACTED: Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers- per lb., Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 12¢. Colorado, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 12½¢.

NEW YORK: Since last report 54 bbls. Italy, 10 bbls. Porto Rico, 6 bbls. San Domingo, 5 bbls. Mexico arrived.

EXTRACTED: Domestic receipts limited. Old crop supplies cleaning up. Demand good, market firm. Sales to jobbers, wholesalers, confectioners, bakers and bottlers- per lb., New York, White Clover 11-12¢, Buckwheat 9½-10¢. California, White Orange 15-16¢, White Sage 14-15¢, Light Amber Sage 13-13½¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 11-13¢. Porto Rico, market steady. Light Amber 95¢-$1.00 per gal.

COMB: Eastern, 24-section cases White Clover fancy and No. 1, $5.50, few $6.00, No. 2, $4.50-5.25.

BEESWAX: Since last report 572 bags Chile, 63 bags Cuba, 8 casks Brazil, 513 bags Spain, 250 casks France, 8 sacks Italy arrived. Market steady. West Indies, light 30-31¢ per lb.

PHILADELPHIA: No large arrivals since last report. Holdover supplies very light. Porto Rico honey stronger, and demand improving. Domestic honey steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers, confectioners and bakers- Porto Rico, Light Amber 97¢, Dark Amber 94¢ per gal. New York, White Clover 12½-13¢, Buckwheat 9 3.-9 per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10-10½¢, Water White Sage 15¢ per lb.

ST. LOUIS: No large receipts reported during past 2 weeks. Practically no demand or movement. Dealers nominal quotations:

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover $5.75.

EXTRACTED: California, Light Amber various flavors 10-11¢ per lb.

BEESWAX: Approximately 1904 lbs. arrived since last report. Dealers paying 24-25¢ per lb. for ungraded country run wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: EXTRACTED: No supplies of new honey on market as yet. Demand and trading limited, market quiet and unchanged. Sales to jobbers- per lb. California, White Star Thistle 10-11¢, Light Amber Alfalfa around 10¢. Washington, White Sweet Clover 12½-13¢.

COMB: Supplies practically cleaned up. No sales reported.

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of May):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Lack of rain has weakened prospects for a sage crop. There may be some late honey from wild buckwheat. Although very light in quantity - 20% of normal in some sections, with many beekeepers securing no surplus because of weak colonies- the ornage honey is very white and of heavier body than usual. Beekeepers generally asking 14¢ per lb. for White Orange in carlots, 15¢ in ton lots, and 16¢ per lb. in case lots. Few sales reported in ton lots at 11-12½¢ per lb. Yellow Beeswax has sold at 22-24¢ per lb. cash, or 25¢ in trade. In Imperial Valley the bees are breeding up fast and the crop outlook is good. Alfalfa acreage is greater than for 4 or 5 years.

Northern California- Extracrdinarily dry, and bees are barely making a living except in the hills. Sacramento River and many creeks are lowest in recent history. Thistles in many cases are drying up without blooming, which will curtail yield from that source. Orange flow was a failure except for beekeepers who had colonies in very good condition. Alfalfa is blooming earlier than usual. Few sales Light Amber extracted in ton lots 8-9¢, single cans 11-12¢, small pails 10-15¢. Few sales comb $2.88 per case. Beeswax 22¢ in cash, 24¢ per lb . in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Bees are in better shape than at this time last year. Much fruit and locust bloom killed by frost. Good prospects for flow from first crop alfalfa. Flow on now along coast from Alsike and Hungarian vetch. Little inquiry reported during past few weeks. A few carlots are still in producers' hands. Few sales White Alfalfa, 60-lb. cans, 12½¢, large lots 10¢, small pails 15¢, wholesale 12¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN SECTION: Spring very cold and backward. Bees are building up rapidly on dandelion and fruit bloom when weather permits flights. Heavy spring dwindling looked for. In Colorado alfalfa prospects are good, and sweet clover prospects are better than for several years; Utah reports considerable sweet clover winter-killed; and in Idaho the alfalfa weevil is becoming very abundant. Some sections of Utah and Idaho report that a water shortage is an actuality, and that plants in unirrigated districts are drying up, so that only light crop anticipated there.

Demand reported very quiet. Most beekeepers are completely sold out. A few cars of extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa have sold recently at 9-10¢ per lb; and several cars are being held for 9½-10¢ per lb; but most buyers are not offering over 8½¢ per lb. in carlots. Few single 60s sold at 10-13 1/3¢ per lb., small pails 14-15¢, wholesale 12-12½¢ per lb. Beeswax, 20-25¢ per lb.

ARIZONA POINTS: Colonies in Valley are breeding well. Some honey being secured from mesquite. Honey flow reported over at 5000 ft elevation.

TEXAS POINTS: Wet weather has kept bees in hives considerably, and honey flow has generally been only enough to keep brood-rearing at high peak. Swarming has been light. Some have secured good yield from huajillo. Horsemint is in bloom and promises well. Marigold and red thistle also in bloom. Hail storm May 9 cut down nearly all vegetation in strip 9 by 35 miles in vicinity of Seguin. Extracted honey has sold at 12¢ per lb. in 10-lb. pails, 15¢ in 5 lb. and 16¢ in 3-lb. pails, few sales higher. Bulk comb has moved at 18¢ per lb. in 10-lb. pails, 19¢ in 5-lb. and 20¢ per lb. in 3-lb. pails.

PLAINS AREA: Weather cold, dry, and windy, with killing frosts in some sections. Rain badly needed. Starvation is general where bees are not fed. Where properly fed, strength conditions are above normal. Stocks of honey are almost cleared up. Extracted White Clover reported sold recently at 10¢ per lb. in large lots. Few sales Beeswax reported at 24-25¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Condition of colonies is way below normal for this time of year owing to continued cold, rainy weather. Bees unable to take advantage of fruit bloom and dandelion, and many colonies are being fed. The weather is putting clover in excellent condition but bees generally will not be in shape to work on it to full extent. Much spring dwindling reported. Some beekeepers report chilled brood.

Old crop is being rapidly cleaned up. Few sales 60- lb. cans White Clover 12-14¢, large lots 9½-11¢ per lb., small pails 15-18¢. Large lot chunk honey in 5-lb. pails sold at 18¢ per lb. Beeswax, 25-26¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Weather continues unseasonably cold, wet and backward, retarding brood-rearing, and liberal feeding has been necessary. Apple bloom is the latest in many years. Bees unable gather much from dandelion. Clover is making a heavy growth and crop prospects are fine. Outdoor-wintered bees reported in better condition than those wintered in cellar. Few large lots now held by producers. Demand very dull for 60-lb. cans; limited call reported for small pails. Few sales 60-lb. cans White Clover around 12½¢ per lb. large lots 10¢, small pails 12-15¢, Buckwheat small pails 11¢ per lb.

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SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Florida and Southern Georgia report that the spring flow to date has been the heaviest in years, aided by favorable weather, and little high, cold wind. Demand for package bees, which has been very heavy, is slowing up as season advances. Fall honey plants, such as Mexican clover and velvet beans, are in good condition. Gallberry flow is still continuing in Georgia. The white clover flow in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana has been unusually good and light in color. Swarming is a month late.

Demand for honey is unusually good. It is moving freely at following prices: Extracted: White 60-lb. cans 12½-15¢, Light Amber, single 60s 10-12½¢, bbls. 8-10¢, small pails 12½-15¢, Amber in bbls. 6-8¢ per lb. Some Light Orange sold at 11¢ per lb. in 60s, or 12½¢ in small pails wholesale. Chunk, White 15-17¢, Light, Amber 12½-15¢ per lb. Comb, fancy $5.00, No. 1, $4.50 per case.

WEST INDIES: CUBA- The rainy season has started keeping bees from working, but they are in excellent condition. Little demand for honey. Yellow Beeswax has sold at 28 3/4¢ per lb. fob, in sacks of 200 lbs.

PORTO RICO- Rainfall sufficient to keep things green. Prospects better than for several years past. Some honey being stored in coast apiaries, and a little in the hill section.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

(Market reports are for May 29 or 31)

BOSTON: Since last report 9 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. Demand slow, market dull except for Porto Rican, for which demand is improving. Market steady.

COMB: Sales by receivers to retailers- very few sales. New York, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $5.00-6.00. Vermont, 20-Section cases carton stock, 14-ounce $5.00, 12-ounce $4.50, 10-ounce $4.25.

EXTRACTED: Per lb., sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers- Porto Rico, Light Amber 10¢, Dark Amber 9½-10¢, few 9¢. California, Light Amber Sage 13¢, few 13½¢. Brokers quotations, delivered Boston basis- California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10½¢, White Orange 14½¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 190 lbs. Iowa arrived. Supplies of comb and extracted very light. Demand and trading very light for last 2 weeks both on comb and extracted. Market very dull.

EXTRACTED: Per lb., sales to bottlers and confectioners- Iowa, White Clover 10½-11½¢, Light Amber mixed flavors 10-10½¢, dark mixed 8-9¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- Wisconsin, White Clover and Colorado, White Sweet Clover 24-section cases fancy $4.50-5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.25, Light Amber $3.00-3.00.

BEESWAX: Trading very light. Market very dull. Illinois, bright 28-29¢, dark 24-26¢ per lb.

DENVER: Demand slow, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to candy manufacturers and bakers- Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 14½¢ per lb.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement slow, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa, fancy $5.25-5.50, No. 1, $5.00-5.25, No. 2, $4.75-5.00.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies very light, practically no comb on hand. Demand and market very dull. Sales to retailers-

COMB: 24-section cases Minnesota, White Clover $5.00. Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $6.00-6.50.

EXTRACTED: Per lb. Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 12¢. Colorado, Alfalfa and White Sweet Clover 12½¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 55 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. Domestic receipts limited. Old crop supplies very light and cleaning up. Demand moderate, market firm. New York, old stock practically cleaned up. California, Light Amber Sage, few sales 13½¢, Dark Amber 12½¢, Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 13¢. Florida, Tupelo, light 13-13½¢, dark 9½-10¢. Porto Rico, market steady, mostly 95¢ per gal.

COMB: Eastern, 24-section cases White Clover fancy $6.00-6.50, No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.50-5.00.

BEESWAX: Since last report 112 bbls. Cuba, 8 bbls. Porto Rico, 8 serons, San Domingo, 240 bags Chile, 14 bbls. Brazil, 99 bags, 10 bbls. Holland, 40 bags England arrived. Supplies light. Market steady. West-Indies light 30-31¢, Chili and Brazil, light 30-31½¢. Africa, 26-27¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Receipts continue light and no large arrivals since last report. Holdover supplies light. Porto Rico honey is slightly stronger and scarce. Domestic honey is steady. Demand is about moderate.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers, confectioners and bakers- Porto Rico, Light Amber 98¢, Amber 96¢ per gal. New York, Water White Clover 15¢, White Clover 12½¢, Buckwheat 9-9½¢ per lb. California, White Sage 13¢ per lb.

ST. LOUIS: No receipts reported since last report. Dealers report very little demand for honey with very few sales.

EXTRACTED: California, Light Amber various flavors 10-11¢ per lb.

BEESWAX: 1232 pounds reported received since last report dealers paying 25¢ per lb. for country run ungraded wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Demand very slow and quiet. Local supplies light. Practically no change in prices since last report. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Per lb. California, White Star Thistle 10-11¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 9-10¢. New crop California Orange, poor quality asking 15¢. Hawaii, Amber, poor quality asking 5¢ with no demand, Light Amber Algeroba 7-7½¢.

IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING APRIL, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY
	Pounds
England	1,712
Canada	1,075
Mexico	2,070
TOTAL	4,857

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING APRIL, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Denmark	1,262	135
Germany	10,397	866
England	38,790	7,418
Scotland	42,042	5,239
Canada	2,043	607
Honduras	93	17
Bermuda	60	15
British India	765	186
Ceylon	30	10
Straits Settlements	120	40
China	2,673	760
Java and Madura	300	100
Other Dutch East Indies	300	100
Hongkong	129	44
Japan	1,490	487
Philippine Islands	1,970	312
Siam	120	40
TOTAL	102,584	16,376

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING APRIL, 1924

	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Porto Rico	63,511	4,081
Hawaii	33,444	1,464

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING APRIL, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Italy	15,276	3,361
Poland and Danzig	4,672	914
Portugal	200,372	40,393
Turkey in Europe	20,000	5,300
England	50,618	14,197
Canada	373	89
Mexico	10,361	1,557
Cuba	34,386	12,615
Dominican Republic	11,835	2,155
Haiti	384	86
Brazil	13,248	2,656
Chile	69,561	18,103
Aden	4,480	792
Egypt	6,540	1,549
TOTAL	442,106	103,767

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING APRIL, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Canada	6,036	1,850
Guatemala	52	20
Colombia	25	12
Australia	4,400	1,115
TOTAL	10,513	2,997

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING APRIL, 1924

	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Porto Rico	1,769	296
Hawaii	3,670	807

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HONEY BEE REPORT, MAY 1, 1924
(Prepared by Division of Crop and Live Stock Estimates)

States	Winter Loss of Colonies: 10-year Average 1913-14 1922-23	Winter Loss of Colonies: 1922-1923	Winter Loss of Colonies: 1923-1924	Number of Working Colonies Compared with May 1, 1923	Condition of Colonies Compared with Normal: 10-year Average 1914 to 1923*	Condition of Colonies Compared with Normal: 1923	Condition of Colonies Compared with Normal: 1924	Condition of Honey Plants Compared with Normal: 10-year Average 1914 to 1923	Condition of Honey Plants Compared with Normal: 1923	Condition of Honey Plants Compared with Normal: 1924
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Maine	14	19	16	104	91	76	96	95	96	83
New Hampshire	18	35	4	110	90	62	108	93	93	92
Vermont	13	13	7	115	96	79	97	98	89	91
Massachusetts	20	33	21	110	94	81	95	95	89	91
Rhode Island	12	25	8	104	98	89	107	96	90	100
Connecticut	17	20	7	110	92	82	97	95	81	87
New York	12	12	7	108	93	79	91	94	88	93
New Jersey	14	15	7	100	92	81	88	93	86	89
Pennsylvania	16	19	13	101	93	83	86	93	84	87
Delaware	17	-	8	100	86	68	85	87	75	83
Maryland	14	11	7	102	93	93	95	91	83	89
Virginia	14	16	11	99	92	83	99	90	88	94
West Virginia	12	8	15	89	95	95	86	90	87	93
North Carolina	12	14	6	102	94	89	93	91	86	88
South Carolina	12	20	12	99	92	75	78	92	85	83
Georgia	9	14	9	90	94	87	77	90	89	77
Florida	7	11	10	94	93	89	95	86	80	94
Ohio	14	8	8	100	90	84	87	92	75	85
Indiana	13	11	7	91	92	86	83	92	76	92
Illinois	10	5	11	96	91	91	91	89	78	91
Michigan	14	17	9	100	91	79	91	91	84	89
Wisconsin	13	12	12	100	92	87	88	89	85	90
Minnesota	14	14	15	99	94	89	90	92	87	80
Iowa	12	12	15	96	93	90	90	90	86	93
Missouri	13	8	14	89	90	91	86	90	90	89
North Dakota	5	-	17	126	99	-	95	100	-	99
South Dakota	13	14	15	95	93	89	95	91	92	90
Nebraska	16	13	11	102	93	90	90	89	85	93
Kansas	10	7	8	92	92	94	86	88	88	88
Kentucky	15	14	10	98	93	95	87	89	80	83
Tennessee	13	14	11	97	91	88	91	88	79	87
Alabama	10	8	14	86	89	76	80	88	83	81
Mississippi	13	20	29	90	91	70	86	90	72	88
Louisiana	7	6	10	91	95	80	95	93	80	98
Texas	10	14	8	93	92	82	94	86	81	93
Oklahoma	11	10	15	87	93	95	87	84	80	94
Arkansas	15	20	12	99	87	67	84	85	68	81
Montana	19	29	8	113	95	90	102	93	85	85
Wyoming	12	3	10	97	100	90	90	96	90	98
Colorado	11	6	15	87	96	95	84	95	90	91
New Mexico	7	8	11	85	98	96	94	94	89	91
Arizona	6	9	5	112	96	94	97	94	93	91
Utah	13	14	11	101	97	98	94	94	95	89
Nevada	9	-	-	-	82	90	-	90	85	-
Idaho	13	7	9	103	94	101	97	91	95	88
Washington	13	10	5	111	92	97	103	93	104	92
Oregon	13	5	12	95	92	95	91	90	95	94
California	9	7	18	78	90	89	66	89	77	88
UNITED STATES	11.8	11.9	11.8	94.2	92.0	86.2	86.7	89.9	83.2	85.4

*Except in a few instances when figures were not available for 10 years.

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of June):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Weather dry during the past month, and bees are barely making a living. Buckwheat is coming fairly well, and many beekeepers are planning to move to buckwheat locations. The outlook for a surplus from sage is doubtful. The orange honey has all been gathered, with varying yields, depending, as the nectar flow was good, largely on the strength of the bees, many of which were a month behind the oranges. One experienced reporter estimates an average crop this year of 20 lbs. Market very dull, some shippers offering 10½¢ per lb. for White Orange, others not making offers. Few sales reported of White Orange at 16¢ per lb. in single 60s, 15¢ in ton lots, and some low as 10-11¢ per lb. Beeswax has sold at 23¢ per lb. Many beekeepers discouraged, and want to sell out. In Imperial Valley high winds have been unfavorable for bees gathering nectar. But with good weather a yield of 75 lbs. honey is expected.

Northern California - Very warm and dry. Star Thistle will bloom in a few days but yield will be light as a result of the long drought. Some report nectar coming in; but many are feeding. Few sales Star Thistle, single 60s 14¢, ton lots 12¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Heavy flow of nectar reported from first flow alfalfa, and along the Coast Hungarian vetch and alsike are still yielding heavily. In some of the fruit sections, however, much feeding has been required, and late frosts have been harmful. The market is reported in a healthy condition. Sales reported of White extracted, carlots 9¢ per lb., ton lots 10¢, single 60s 11-12½¢, small pails wholesale 14¢ per lb. Beeswax, large lots 25¢, small lots 30¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN SECTION: Spring losses heavier than anticipated. Chilly, rainy or cloudy weather has in most states retarded alfalfa, which is 10 days to 2 weeks late and kept bees in hives, so that they are barely making a living, and some are being fed heavily to save brood. Nevertheless, prospects look good except in Utah and Idaho. Some honey secured from dandelion, willows, and fruit bloom, and first extracting, of fine quality honey, reported in Nevada. Heavy swarming reported in Montana. Much sweet clover winter-killed in Utah.

Supplies of honey extremely light. Few cars White extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa have sold recently at 9-9½¢ per lb., and 1 car Light Amber at 8 2/3¢, ton lot white 9¢, single 60s 10-13 1/3¢, and few small pails wholesale at 12-15¢ per lb. White comb No. 1 has moved lightly at $5.00 per 24-section case, No. 2, $4.50. Beeswax, 23-24¢ per lb.

ARIZONA POINTS: Mesquite crop very light, due to too much wind, cold weather and activity of caterpillars. Second-cutting alfalfa in full bloom. Colonies in fair condition. Few sales Light Amber extracted reported in 60-lb. cans at $5.00 per can.

TEXAS POINTS: With fair weather, honey plants are generally in good condition, and bees have been working busily on horsemint, and mesquite is due to bloom shortly. Catclaw and guajillo are finished. Only occasional sections are pessimistic over the crop outlook, and in some areas 50-75 lbs. surplus have already been taken off. Light colored extracted has sold in small pails at 10-15¢, mostly 14-15¢ per lb., and bulk comb at 16-18¢ in 12/10s and 17-19¢ per lb. in 12/5s. Light-colored beeswax has sold at 23-25¢ per lb., dark 18-20¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Bees building up well. White Clover is blossoming profusely, but weather has been too cold and wet for bees to work much on it. With favorable weather a good crop of clover and basswood honey should be secured. More feeding has been necessary than for many years. Yellow wax has sold at 23-24¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Colonies weak and spring dwindling has been severe in some sections. Heavy feeding has been necessary in many cases. It is thought that some colonies will be in shape for clover flow, which is 2 weeks to a month later than usual and heading out well. Good crop anticipated also from basswood and raspberries if bees are strong enough to gather it. Flow from dandelions was satisfactory and bees are working somewhat on wild cherries. Supply of honey nearly exhausted. Only a few sales reported.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Bees have been slow to build up as a result of the cold, wet spring, which has retarded the season 2-3 weeks, and many have fed to keep up brood-rearing. Some apple trees still in bloom. Dandelion and fruit bloom yielded less than usual as bees could not get out to work on them. Clover looks fairly good, but is very late. Many bees offered for sale in Pennsylvania. Honey nearly cleaned up. Few sales White Clover, 60-lb. cans 12¢, large lots 10-11¢, Light Amber and Buckwheat single 60s 11¢. Beeswax has sold at 28-29¢ per lb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Georgia has secured a good crop of high grade honey, and considerable has been sold. The colonies are still working on sweet bay and saw palmetto. Cloudy, rainy weather has prevented bees in Alabama from working much of the time. White Clover flow still on. Excellent crop secured in Florida from saw palmetto and gallberry, which are now over. Tupelo flow was late and not as heavy as usual. In South Carolina sourwood is starting to bloom.

Honey has sold well at the following prices: extracted: White, 60-lb. cans 17¢, ton lots 13-16¢, some 10¢, carlots quoted 10-12¢ per lb.; bulk comb 15-18¢ per lb.; Amber, bbls, 6-8¢, Light Amber 8-10¢ per lb. Comb White $5.00, Light Amber $4.50 per case. Beeswax, 25¢ per lb.

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PORTO RICO: Fair rainfall for May should result in average flow in hill section. Extraction to a considerable extent is going on in Coast apiaries. The beekeepers are receiving 68-72¢ per gal. in barrels of about 600 lbs.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Arrivals include receipts during preceding two weeks. Prices represent sales or current quotations, as secured from the original receivers, but must not be understood as attempting to forecast future market conditions or prices in any degree. Market condition comments represent the opinion of the trade and their accuracy is not guaranteed by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Market reports are for June 13 or 14.

BOSTON: No large arrivals since last report. Demand light except good for Porto Rican for export. Market firm on Porto Rican stock, dull on others. No change in prices.

COMB: Sales by receivers to retailers - very few sales. New York, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $5.00-6.00. Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock, 14-ounce $6.00, 12-ounce $4.50, 10-ounce $4.25.

EXTRACTED: Per lb., sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers - Porto Rico, Light Amber 10¢, Dark Amber 9½-10¢, few 9¢. California, Light Amber Sage 13¢, few 13½¢. Brokers quotations, delivered Boston basis - California Light Amber Alfalfa 10½¢, White Orange 14½¢.

CHICAGO: No large arrivals since last report. Demand and trading very light for last two weeks on both comb and extracted. Supplies of both comb and extracted very light. Market very dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - Iowa, White Clover 10-11¢, Light Amber mixed flavors 9-10¢, dark mixed 7-9¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Wisconsin, White Clover and Color White Sweet Clover fancy $4.50-5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.25, Light Amber $2.00-3.00.

BEESWAX: Trading very light. Market very dull. Illinois, bright 27-29¢, some 30¢, dark 24-27¢.

DENVER: Demand slow, market dull, no change in prices.

EXTRACTED: Sales to candy manufacturers and bakers - Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 14½¢ per lb.

KANSAS CITY: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand and trading slow, market slightly weaker. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa fancy $5.25, No. 1, $5.00, No. 2, $4.75.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies very light Practically no demand, market dull. COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Minnesota, White Clover $5.00. Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $5.75-6.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers - per lb., Minnesota, White Clover 12¢. Colorado, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 12¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Receipts light. No large arrivals since last report. Holdover supplies light. Porto Rico honey slightly weaker; domestic honey steady. Demand improving.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers, confectioners and bakers - Porto Rico, Light Amber 97¢, Amber 95¢ per gal. New York, White Clover 12½¢, Buckwheat 9½¢ per lb.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies light. Demand and trading slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: California, White Star Thistle 10-11¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 9-10¢. Washington, White Clover 12½-13½¢, New crop Orange too few sales to establish market. Hawaii, supplies very light, Algaroba Light Amber 7½¢, Amber 7¢, White 7 3/4

COMB: None on market.

ST. LOUIS: No large receipts reported since last report. Practically no demand or movement. Market only nominal. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: California, Light Amber various flavors 10-11¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases No. 1 White Sweet Clover quoted at $5.75.

BEESWAX: Receipts approximately 800 lbs. for which dealers paid 25¢ per lb. for country run ungraded wax.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 65 bbls. Porto Rico, 11 boxes Palestine arrived. Receipts limited. Old crop supplies light. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers, wholesalers, bakers, bottlers, and confectioners - New York, White Clover 11-12¢, Buckwheat few sales 8¢. California, Light Amber Sage 13½¢, White Orange 13-15¢, mixed flavors 11½-13¢. Florida, Tupelo light 13-15½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - Eastern, 24-section cases White Clover fancy $6.00-6.50, No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.50-5.00.

BEESWAX: Since last report 100 bags Holland, 50 bags Cuba, 36 bags Porto Rico, 4 bags, 1 seroon Santo Domingo, 10 bags Chile, 34 bags Brazil arrived. Supplies light. Market steady. West Indies, light 30-31¢, dark 24-26¢. Chile and Brazil, light 30-32¢. Africa, dark 25-27¢.

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THE MARKET FOR HONEY IN GREAT BRITAIN

From Howard Donovan, American Vice Consul, London, England, Jan. 19, 1924.

There is a large market for honey in the British Isles, a large portion of which must be supplied by imported honey. Owing to climatic conditions, beekeeping on a large scale has been successful incomparatively few instances. On a small scale, however, it is being practised increasingly by the cottager and the smallholder, and by city workers living in the country.

Domestic Production of Honey. No statistics are available regarding the amount of honey produced in Great Britain, but the quantity is entirely insufficient to meet the country's demands, which is shown by a comparison of the imports and exports of honey. Practically all of the honey produced in Great Britain is consumed in the locality of production. The eastern counties of England are the largest producers of honey, while small quantities of the high grade heather honey come from Scotland, the supply being limited by the climatic conditions. Some clover honey is also produced in Scotland.

Imports and Exports of Honey. The British Customs Returns showing the imports and exports of honey are available only up to and including 1922, no figures whatever being available for 1923. In 1920 and 1921 the United States had only approximately 14% of the total imports of honey into the British Isles, in 1922 approximately 25% of all the honey imported into Great Britain came from the United States.

In 1922 the United States led with exports of 15,257 cwts. (of 112 lbs. each) of honey, closely followed by the British West Indies with 13,503 cwts., New Zealand with 12,194 cwts., and Chile with 9,079 cwts. New Zealand's exports were first in value, however, the total being £51,351, whereas United States exports for 1922 were valued at £39,439 ($174,683.22) and British West Indian exports at £38,133. The detailed figures of imports of honey into Great Britain, by quantity and value, are as follows:

HONEY	QUANTITIES 1920 Cwts.	1921 Cwts.	1922 Cwts.
Dutch West India Islands	6,082	- -	- -
France	706	362	422
United States of America	7,716	3,744	15,257
Cuba	1,398	1,591	4,947
Chile	19,001	2,376	9,079
Other Foreign Countries	5,101	3,513	2,885
TOTAL FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES	40,004	11,586	32,590
Australia	903	29	6
New Zealand	2,321	6,706	12,194
British West India Islands	9,550	6,524	13,503
Other British Possessions	153	49	80
TOTAL FROM BRITISH POSSESSIONS	13,017	13,308	25,783
TOTAL	53,021	24,894	58,373

(Cwt. equals 112 pounds)

VALUE	1920 £	1921 £	1922 £
Dutch West India Islands	23,866	- -	- -
France	4,129	1,610	2,460
United States of America	32,772	11,364	39,439
Cuba	5,592	4,097	11,543
Chile	78,816	7,434	16,159
Other Foreign Countries	21,789	10,068	6,890
TOTAL FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES	166,964	34,573	76,490
Australia	3,757	103	18
New Zealand	10,475	27,124	51,351
British West India Islands	42,282	19,955	38,133
Other British Possessions	723	154	275
TOTAL FROM BRITISH POSSESSIONS	57,237	47,336	89,777
TOTAL	224,201	81,909	166,267

Imports from Cuba have been affected recently by the prevalence of foul brood disease in that country.

A small reexport trade in honey is carried on in Great Britain, total reexports being as follows:

	1920	1921	1922
Quantity	30,143 cwts.	26,722 cwts.	8,885 cwts.
Value	£108,722	£46,560	£16,998

Holland was the chief buyer of reexported honey in 1922 with 4,400 cwts. valued at £6,916 whereas the quantity reexported to the United States was negligible. In 1920, however, the United States received 8,703 cwts. of reexported honey, valued at £29,545 from Great Britain.

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Total exports of British honey for three calendar years, when compared with the total imports, indicate that Great Britain is primarily dependent upon imported honey.

	1920	1921	1922
Imports	53,021 cwts.	24,894 cwts.	58,373 cwts.
Exports	7,634 "	1,869 "	2,558 "

Varieties of Honey Preferred in Great Britain. The kinds of honey which commands the best prices on the British market have been outlined by the British Ministry of Agriculture as follows:

"Comb honey should be translucent, showing the clear bright color of the contained honey. The combs should be fully worked out to the sides and bottom of the section, and scrupulously clean. The cappings should be thin and of even surface. The finest liquid extracted honey is bright and clear, of a light amber color, and delicate in flavor and aroma. Extracted honey when granulated should be of fine, even grain, creamy white in color, and of good flavor. There are many grades of medium and dark-colored honeys which fail to reach this standard but which are of excellent quality in flavor and aroma, and in some localities these honeys will sell more readily than the lighter samples. Color is only a matter of fancy and does not affect the eating qualities. For instance, heather honey commands the highest price of all. It is in a class by itself, dark amber in color, gelatinous in consistency, redolent of the moors in both aroma and flavor."

Price and Quality of Honeys in the British Market. Generally speaking, the price is regulated according to the color of the honey, providing the taste is satisfactory, the preferred colors being, in the ascending order of their preferment, dark, amber, light or pale amber, and white. West Indian honey is generally considered to be more aromatic than American honey, but is darker in color, and this has caused some bottlers to blend West Indian and American honey, thus securing a desirable combination of taste and color, so far as the British market is concerned. Chilean honey is darker in color than American honey, and is considered to be of lower quality than the West Indian, American, New Zealand, or French honeys.

American honey has an excellent reputation in London as regards quality and packing, and compares favorably in price with other honeys of the same grade, and there is no apparent reason, other than certain general limiting factors which will be considered later, why sales of American honey in this country should not be increased.

How Honey is sold in Great Britain. Honey is imported into Great Britain by a comparatively small number of firms in London, except Chilean honey, which is dealt with almost exclusively in Liverpool. So far as London is concerned, honey is imported by firms who sell it sometimes through brokers and at other times directly to bottlers, etc., who in turn sell to the retail trade. One importer advised the writer that if an exporter could assure him of a definite supply at regular intervals he would establish connections with the trade and not sell the honey at auction through brokers, as is frequently done. Samples are used at the auction sales, one case in every ten, of American, Australian, and New Zealand honey being sampled indiscriminately, while in keg honey a sample is usually drawn from every keg. Naturally it is to the advantage of an exporter to have an agent in London in a position to make such connections directly and not to be dependent on brokers' sales. The advantages are, first, the establishment of permanent connections with buyers of honey, who when they desire a fresh supply can telephone or write the agent with the definite assurance that supplies will be on hand, and secondly, the saving of the broker's commission.

Buyers of honey in Great Britain may be divided into three general classes: 1. Bottlers who buy in bulk from brokers or importers and prepare the honey for retail purchasers, such as grocery stores, etc. 2. Proprietary medicine manufacturers, who purchase honey in bulk for use in cough syrups, etc. 3. Hospitals, schools, and other public institutions which purchase in large quantities. Honey is used in place of butter in some institutions.

Aside from its medicinal uses, honey is used chiefly in Great Britain as a conserve, and not in pastry cooking as in France, Germany and other Continental countries The light colored varieties are preferred for table use, while the darker varieties are used for cough syrups and for institutional use, except in some cases where the finest white honey is desired for medicinal purposes.

Packing of Honey. American honey imported into Great Britain is usually packed in 60 pound tins, two tins to the case; British West Indian honey is imported in barrels of 336 pounds, while Cuban honey is shipped to this market in casks of 560 pounds. Chilean exporters usually ship to England in kegs of 112 pounds, while the New Zealand and Australian honey is packed similarly to American honey. Chilean and West Indian honey is frequently sold under a brand of label which gives no clue to the country of origin.

Factors Limiting the Sale of Honey. Price is the limiting factor in the sale of honey in the British Isles. One importer stated that if prices could be reduced to the level of jams and preserves the sale of honey could be quadrupled. An advertising campaign stressing the superior food value of honey as compared with jams and jellies might have some effect, and in any case the sale of American honey could be increased by advertising just as the consumption of American raisins was increased by extensive advertising. The economy of honey on account of its superior food value would be one of the attractive points to purchasers in this market. The daily papers and household magazines would be perhaps the best way of reaching the public.

There is no duty on honey imported into British Isles.

List of Importers. A list of London firms interested in the importation of honey can be furnished on request.

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of June):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Worst drouth in many years is being experienced. Bees are barely making a living now, and a heavy loss of bees is anticipated during the summer and fall if the present extreme dry spell continues, as it is preventing the securing of sufficient pollen, which no amount of feeding of sugar can replace. Sumac and wild buckwheat are blooming, but are yielding little. It is generally agreed that there will be no sage honey surplus this year. Some bees in blue gum and mustard sections made a little surplus. Imperial Valley may have 2/3 of a normal crop. Beekeepers are generally asking 15¢ per lb. for White Orange honey in small lots. Ton lots have sold at 12-12½¢ per lb., few 15¢ per lb. White Orange comb honey has sold at $6.00 per case. Yellow beeswax brought producers 22¢ per lb.

Northern California - Star Thistle is blooming but is not producing much nectar, and the protracted drouth is causing many young plants to die. Even 1/3 crop is doubtful. Alfalfa issaid to be yielding fairly well. The market is strengthening. One carlot 1923 crop White Sweet Clover and White Thistle, for July delivery, sold at 9½¢ per lb. Small lots of Thistle honey moved at 11¢ per lb. Beeswax, cash to producer, 22¢ per lb., or 23¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: First bloom Alfalfa has yielded unusually well in Washington, and prospects are good for a crop later in the summer. Along the Oregon coast the best crop in 4 years is reported, mostly Hungarian vetch and clover; the flow is now about over. Eastern Oregon, however, reports that owing to continued dry weather and high winds, the plant life is drying up and there is practically no honey yield. Sales reported of White and Light Amber extracted, ton lots 9-10¢, single 60s 11-12½¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN SECTION: Cool weather is still retarding brood-rearing, and hindering bees from working. Little surplus is being stored from first crop alfalfa and yellow sweet clover. Lack of sufficient feeding has caused very high loss in bees. Little surplus is in sight for southwestern Idaho and eastern Oregon, where water shortage is very serious and alfalfa weevil is bad. The rest of Idaho may have a fair crop. The alfalfa weevil is also doing much damage in Utah, where considerable American foulbrood is developing. Prospects are good in Montana and Colorado for a better crop than last season's, although rain is badly needed in some sections. Twenty five carloads or more of bees which were shipped from Utah and Idaho to California could not be shipped back due to the hoof and mouth quarantine against California products.

Supplies of old honey are nearly exhausted. One carlot White Sweet Clover extracted reported sold at 9¢ per lb., ton lots white 9 3/4¢, single 60s 10-11¢, and small pails, wholesale 11¼-12½¢ per lb.

ARIZONA POINTS: Due to large acreage in cotton, alfalfa acreage is short. Further, hot winds have seriously dried alfalfa blooms. The crop from mesquite and desert blooms is almost a failure. The Colorado River has not flooded the Valley as usual, which is where most of the honey comes from. Some beekeepers anticipate feeding. Two carlots Light Amber Alfalfa reported sold for 7½¢ per lb., ton lots Light Amber 7¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: A good crop has been secured in South Texas; prospects are moderate in cotton belt. Horsemint has yielded well, and is now about over. Mesquite has begun blooming again, and bees are now working on it. Cotton is late. Package shipments of bees are about over for the season. Prices show a wide range. Extracted honey, in 60-lb cans, Light Amber, has sold at 9¢, White 16¢, ton lots 12-14¢ per lb. In small pails, Light Amber extracted has sold at 10-12¢, some up to 20¢ per lb.; white 18¢, wholesale 15¢ per lb. Bulk comb, White, ton lots 16-18¢, case lots 20¢ per lb., Light Amber 60-lb. cans 13¢, small pails 14-16¢ per lb., some White 18-19¢ per lb. Beeswax, light 20-25¢ per lb., dark 18-20¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Ample rains insure a good white clover crop, given enough warm, dry weather, but bees have been unable to store much to date due to winds and rain. In parts of Illinois many honey-producing weeds were drowned out by the rain. Sweet clover is commencing to bloom. Swarming has been excessive. Many tons sugar were fed this spring to keep bees alive. Very little honey left. Few sales beeswax 24-25¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Colonies in Michigan are reported to have built up well on dandelion and fruit bloom, but elsewhere are generally weak, and even in Ohio required feeding up to the middle of June. In Wisconsin hardly 1/3 of the apiaries are in shape to gather the crop, due to lack of stores and cold weather. Now that clover is blooming nicely, cold, cloudy and rainy weather is keeping bees from working on it much. Spring is four weeks late in many sections. In Michigan, raspberry flow is just starting, and fireweed and milkweed seem to be in good condition. Very little old honey remains unsold.

PORTO RICO (First half of June): Some little honey is being gathered all over the island, and the general report is that a better crop will be secured this year than last. Rain reports variable. Beekeepers receiving 70-73¢ per gal. at port of shipment for honey in barrels of about 600 lbs.

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NORTHEASTERN STATES: This is the latest season on record,- in many sections 3 to 4 weeks behind normal. Many report that bees are extremely light in numbers, and have not built up sufficiently to take full advantage of the clover flow which is just co ing on. Pennsylvania expects a good flow from basswood, and it may yield in New Yor Sweet clover flow is now on. Much American foulbrood reported. Few sales White Clo- ver, 60-lb. cans and ton lots 11¢, Light Amber, single 60s 9¢, Amber 8½¢ per lb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Reporters in Louisiana and Mississippi advise that the crop wi be short as a result of the long dry spell, although bees are working on clover and sweet clover. A large crop has been secured in Georgia, however, and Florida reports the best season so far in years. The next flow in Florida will be from the palmetto, in August. Package business in the South is over for the season.

Much of the large Georgia crop has already been sold, and sales have been reported from other states at the following prices: extracted, white, 60-lb. cans 17¢, ton lots 13-16¢, carlots quoted 10-12¢; bulk comb, Light Amber 15-17¢, ton lots 14¢ per lb., small pails, wholesale 16¢ per lb., Amber, bbls., 6-8¢, Light Amber 8-10¢. Comb, 24-section cases $5.00, Light Amber $4.50. Beeswax 25¢ per lb.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

(Market reports are for June 30)

BOSTON: No large arrivals since last report. Demand very light, market dull, prices are unchanged.

COMB: Sales by receivers to retailers - very few sales. New York, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $5.00-6.00. Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock, 14-ounce $6.00, 12-ounce $4.50, 10-ounce $4.25.

EXTRACTED: Per lb., sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers - Porto Rico, Light Amber 10¢, Dark Amber 9½-10¢, few 9¢. California, Light Amber Sage 13¢, few 13½¢. Brokers quotations, delivered Boston basis - California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10½¢, White Orange 14½¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 37,000 lbs. Utah arrived. Practically no demand, trading very light for last two weeks on both comb and extracted. Supplies of comb and extracted very light. Market very dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - Iowa, White Clover 10-11¢, few sales extra fancy 12¢, Light Amber mixed flavors 9-10¢, dark mixed 6-9¢ per lb.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Wisconsin, White Clover, and Colorado, Utah, White Sweet Clover fancy $4.25-4.75, few sales $5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.25, Dark Amber $2.00-3.00.

BEESWAX: Trading very light. Market very dull. Illinois, bright 26-28¢, some 29¢, dark 25-26¢. per lb.

DENVER: Demand moderate, market steady, no change in prices.

EXTRACTED: Sales to candy manufacturers and bakers - Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 14½¢ per lb.

KANSAS CITY: Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa fancy mostly $5.25, No. 1, $5.00, No. 2, $4.75.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies very light. Practically no demand, market very dull.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfal No. 1, $6.00.

EXTRACTED: Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers - per lb., Colorado, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 12¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 62 bbls. Mexico arrived. Domestic: receipts increasing. Demand light, market slightly weaker. Sales to jobbers, wholesalers, brokers, bottlers and confectioners - New York, White Clover 10-11¢, Buckwheat 8¢. California, supplies light, Light Amber Sage, 11-12½¢, White Orange 12-14¢. Intermo tain, White Sweet Clover 11½-12½¢. Western, White Sweet Clover 12¢. Florida, supplies liberal, fancy White Tupelo 12-14¢. Porto Rico, supplies light, market steady. 90-95¢, mostly 95¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Since last report 298 bags Chile, 106 bags Brazil, 36 cases, 32 bbls. Holland, 23 bags Egypt, 1 seroon San Domingo arrived. Supplies light. Demand light. West Indies, light 30-31¢, dark 24-26¢. Chile and Brazil, 30-32¢. Africa, dark 24-26¢. California, light new crop 34¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Receipts light. No large arrivals since last report. Holdover supplies light. Demand limited, trading slow, market quiet.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers, confectioners and bakers - Porto Rico, bbls. Light Amber 97¢, Amber 95¢ per gal. Georgia, bbls. Light Amber 97¢ per gal. New York, 60-lb. cans White Clover 12½¢, Buckwheat 9 3/4¢ per lb.

ST. LOUIS: No large receipts reported since last report. Demand and movement very slow, market steady. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa 11¢. Colorado, White mixed flavors 13¢.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White No. 1, $5.75-6.00.

BEESWAX: During past 2 weeks approximately 8,530 lbs. arrived, for which dealers paid 25¢ per lb. for country run ungraded wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Demand and trading slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Per lb., California, White Star Thistle 10-11¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 9-10¢, mixed Light Amber Alfalfa and Orange, new crop 10-11¢. Washington, White Clover 12½-13½¢. Hawaii, Algaroba White 7 3/4¢, Light Amber 7½¢, Amber 7¢.

IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING MAY, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
France	75	20
Greece	4,638	790
Italy	24	2
England	3,168	2,007
Canada	480	89
Hongkong	115	14
Palestine and Syria	722	131
TOTAL	9,222	3,053

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING MAY, 1924

	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	163,047	10,267
Hawaii	18,750	960

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING MAY, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Denmark	6,000	775
Germany	27,739	2,635
England	6,153	325
Canada	3,045	936
Honduras	43	9
Panama	270	57
Newfoundland and Labrador	323	123
Bolivia	60	20
Peru	540	86
British India	1,138	368
Ceylon	30	10
Straits Settlements	876	285
China	3,044	940
Java and Madura	575	192
French Indo-China	240	70
Hongkong	646	196
Japan	288	76
Philippine Islands	1,090	150
Siam	120	40
TOTAL	52,270	7,293

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING MAY, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
France	11,155	2,115
Germany	22,203	6,515
Portugal	111,906	24,060
Spain	122,775	26,514
England	83,604	14,884
Canada	80	62
Cuba	25,372	7,341
Dominican Republic	4,775	884
Brazil	6,262	1,589
Chile	115,780	31,817
Hongkong	112,112	5,412
Japan	226	39
Egypt	4,661	1,083
TOTAL	620,911	122,315

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING MAY, 1924

	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	3,450	671
Hawaii	-	-

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING MAY, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Netherlands	3,371	1,585
England	224	99
Canada	6,417	2,379
Costa Rica	64	35
Panama	500	155
Mexico	260	77
Cuba	224	54
Hongkong	700	153
TOTAL	1[illegible]	4,[illegible]

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THE MARKET FOR BEES IN GREAT BRITAIN

-From Howard Donovan, American Vice Consul, London, England, April 10, 1924.

Owing to climatic conditions, beekeeping on a large scale as an occupation has in this country, found few people who have made it a success. On a small scale, however, it is being practiced increasingly.

No statistics are available showing the number of apiaries in the British Isles, or the quantity or value of imports and exports of beekeeping appliances. The only index of the potential market for bees consists of the imports and exports of honey, the totals for the last three years for which statistics are available being as follows:

	1920	1921	1922
Imports	53,021 cwts. of 112 lbs.	24,894 cwts.	58,373 cwts
Exports	1,491 " " " "	300 "	701 "

SPECIES OF BEES IMPORTED INTO GREAT BRITAIN. May and August are usually the preferred months in Great Britain for the arrival of imported bees. Queen bees are imported into Great Britain from Italy, Holland, Carniola, and the United States. The Italian queen bee imported from America is considered by British beekeepers to be better than the Italian bee raised in Italy, in that it is more docile and does not overbre

Italian queens are unquestionably the most popular ones in this country, though by far the larger number of them are imported from Italy. One of their chief characteristics is the extension of the brood nest early in the season, so that colonies are ready for the honey-flow from fruit trees, hawthorn, horse-chestnut and sycamore trees. Pure Italian bees are invariably docile when being handled, the foragers are industrious, and the queens are as a rule prolific; but some beekeepers find that Italian colonies, especially those headed by queens imported from Italy, lose a good many bees during the winter.

Dutch queen bees are imported chiefly for restocking purposes, their unfortunate tendency to swarm preventing their finding favor with Britain beekeepers. The bees are certainly hardy and prolific, rapid comb-builders, and they are reported to be less subject to acarine disease than any others. Their advocates claim that if colonies are given special treatment at swarming time and during the honey flow, they prove to be excellent honey producers.

Carniolan bees are not as popular as formerly, it having been found that they are unable to withstand the winter climate of the British Isles.

In districts where the honey flow is from white clover, which does not blossom until early in June, British bees are in every way suitable, though it must be admitted that, owing to the extensive importation of foreign queens for many years past it is somewhat difficult to procure purebred British queens. The bees are excellent foragers. As a rule they are quiet under manipulation, and, like the Carniolans, they seal sections of honey with white cappings. The British bee of today resembles the Brown German species.

Most of the bees imported into Great Britain came from the Netherlands; with France second, and small amounts coming from the United States and various British possessions, and other countries.

SUGGESTIONS FOR INCREASING SALES OF AMERICAN BEES. The inability of American bee exporters to ship their bees in such a way that a sufficiently large number reach England alive undoubtedly affects the market for American bees adversely. One beekeeper stated that out of a shipment of nine queens, only two were alive when they reached England. On the other hand, another shipment from the United States of 15 bees were all alive when they reached London.

Bees are usually shipped in cages covered with wire cloth, and it is important in shipments to Great Britain that these cages be covered with cloth. Certain American exporters have failed to do this, and it is a significant fact that when the shipment arrived the bees in the outside boxes of the parcel were dead, whereas those in the boxes in the inner part of the parcel were all alive.

Honey, and not glucose, should be used in the candy supplied to the bees. Italian bee exporters use honey and castor sugar, the latter being a very fine sugar similar to icing sugar, and it is worthy of note that their shipments of bees have been very successful from the standpoint of mortality. It is possible that the cage used by American bee exporters is too small, according to one well known beefancier London.

The criticisms and suggestions just mentioned, while perhaps not applying to all American bee exporters, certainly apply to some, and should be borne in mind by all exporters of bees desirous of building up an established clientele in Great Britain, as there is undoubtedly a feeling in some quarters that the distance and consequent danger of death to the bees make importing from America an expensive and uncertain process.

A list of several firms in England interested in importing bees can be supplied on request.

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HONEY NO. 148

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of July):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Continued dry weather and hot spells have removed hope for a honey surplus on the part of most beekeepers in the sage districts. White sage is blooming, but is secreting little nectar. A few small lots have been extracted from wild buckwheat in favored localities, but the recent hot spell has curtailed that flow. What little honey is being secured by strong colonies is darker in color than usual and of strong flavor. The Imperial Valley crop is practically completed - 1/3 less than normal. Beekeepers are generally holding White Orange extracted for 14-15¢ per lb. in carlots; dealers offering 12¢ per lb. and few salesmade at that price. Few sales Light Amber Alfalfa made at 7-7½¢ per lb., beekeepers generally holding for 8-10¢.

Northern California - Star Thistle is in bloom and bees are working on it, but as everything is dry the blossoms are secreting scantily, although the quality is good and heavy, and beekeepers are discouraged regarding prospects for a surplus crop. Some colonies near alfalfa fields are storing a surplus but the nectar is failing in other sections due to lack of water. Grasshoppers are said to be less plentiful than last year. Many wells are drying up and water in creeks and rivers is far below lowest record. Beeswax has sold at 22¢ per lb. cash, 23¢ per lb. in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Unusually early haying has curtailed yield in parts of Washington from first crop alfalfa. A flow is looked for from second bloom. In Eastern Oregon shortage of water for irrigation, coupled with frequent high winds which render it difficult for bees to work, are making this a very poor year for beekeeping. Several cars of old crop honey still held in Washington.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: The situation is extremely variable. Even in Utah and Idaho some sections report that they are experiencing a flow above the average where bees are strong enough to work. In general, however, the serious water shortage will make a short crop in Idaho, Nevada and Utah, and will curtail the flow in parts of the other states. It is said that only one valley in Nevada has a sufficient supply of water, and that theegrasshoppers are so thick as to cut down the crop. Many colonies too weak to work effectively. The California hoof-and-mouth quarantine has been modified sufficiently to permit shipment of bees from California districts no longer infected.

Extracting will not start in any quantity until the last of July. Very few sales reported of White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover, ton lots 10¢ per lb., single 60s 10-11¢, few higher, small pails, wholesale 11-12½¢ per lb. Carlots of White Sweet Clover sold recently at 8½-8 3/4¢ per lb.

ARIZONA POINTS: Mesquite flow very light. Alfalfa yield has been fairly good. Good prospects for flow from cotton, and recent rains in sage belt may result in a crop from that source. Few sales Light Amber Alfalfa reported at 7¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: Mesquite is now in full bloom, and a moderate surplus is expected. Cotton is beginning to bloom, and the plants look very well. In some sections of the cotton belt beetles, dragon flies and grasshoppers have been very harmful. Colonies are generally in fine condition, and fall honey plants are said to be looking well. Market not very active, but sales have been reported at the following prices: Extracted, per lb., 60-lb. cans 9-12¢, ton lots 10¢, 6/10s 9-10¢, 12/5s 10-11¢, 20/3s 11-14¢. Bulk comb, 60s 14¢, 6/10s 12-16¢, 12/5s 13-17¢, 20/3s 14-18¢. Beeswax has sold at 20-22¢ per lb. cash for light, 25¢ in trade; 18-20¢ per lb. for dark.

PLAINS AREA: Clover is abundant and blooming well, and yield per colony should be good good if weather permits bees to work, but total crop in many sections will be light as a result of heavy spring and winter losses. Honey now being gathered is said to be of fine quality.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: A heavy clover flow is now on, and prospects are good for flow from basswood and fireweed. The cold spring and lack of stores, however, have left many colonies too weakened to gather a good crop. The disappearing disease is prevalent in parts of Ohio, where a heavy flow could generally be obtained if the rain would stop long enough to allow the bees to work. Fall honey plants look well. Few sales reported of White extracted in 60s at 12-15¢, ton lots 8½-12¢, small pails 15-16¢ per lb. No. 1 White comb $4.80 per case.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: The Georgia crop is proving even heavier than expected a few weeks ago - the best beekeepers averaging 100 lbs. per colony; others 70-90 lbs. extracted. Conditions promising for the summer flow from Mexican clover and other plants. Yield in Alabama sweet clover belt has been light, but enough to winter on, and some surplus may be obtained. Louisiana has had one of the best honey flows in years, in spite of drouth in some sections, and unless this is prolonged another good crop may be expected in the fall. Demand good. Prices show little change. Some are reported holding carlots in the tupelo region for 12¢ per lb. f.o.b.

PORTO RICO: (Last half of June): Arrivals small in the northern district but by middle of July extraction should be general. Beekeepers receiving 70-73¢ per gal. at port of shipment for honey in 600-lb. barrels.

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NORTHEASTERN STATES: Adverse weather conditions still prevail much of the time, and although plants are vigorous the outlook is for a clover yield below normal in New York State and light in Pennsylvania. Vermont will have a fairly good crop. More buckwheat is being sown than usual in both New York and Pennsylvania. Basswood trees are full of buds. Few sales Light Amber extracted in 60s at 10¢ per lb., Amber 9¢ per lb. One entire crop reported sold for 10½¢ per lb. delivered for White Clover, 8¢ per lb. for Buckwheat.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Arrivals include receipts during preceding two weeks. Prices represent sales or current quotations, as secured from the original receivers, but must not be understood as attempting to forecast future market conditions or prices in any degree. Market condition comments represent the opinion of the trade and their accuracy is not guaranteed by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Market reports are for July 14.

CHICAGO: No large arrivals since last report. Practically no demand. Practically no trading for last two weeks on both comb and extracted. Supplies of both comb and extracted very light. Practically no market.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - per lb., Iowa, White Clover 10-11¢, few sales extra fancy 12¢. Light Amber mixed flavors 9-10¢, Dark mixed 6-9¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Wisconsin, White Clover and Colorado and Utah, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa fancy $4.25-5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.25, Dark Amber $2.50-3.00.

BEESWAX: Trading very light. Market very dull. Illinois, bright 26-28¢, some 29¢, dark 25-26¢ per lb.

DENVER: Demand moderate.

EXTRACTED: Sales to candy manufacturers and bakers in small lots - Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 15½¢, Light Amber 14¼¢ per lb.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa fancy mostly $5.25, No. 1, $5.00, No. 2, $4.75.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies very light.

COMB: Practically no demand or trading, market dull. Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Colorado, No. 1 White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $5.00.

EXTRACTED: Demand light, market firm. New stock - sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gal. lots or more, per lb., Minnesota, White Clover 13¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 37 bbls. Porto Rico, 3 tanks, 6 bbls. San Domingo arrived. Florida receipts liberal. Demand light, market dull. Per lb., New York, White Sweet Clover mostly 11¢, Buckwheat mostly 8¢. California, supplies light, White Orange 14-15¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 11-12¢. Florida, supplies liberal, White Tupelo 12-14¢, Light Amber 9-10½¢. Porto Rico, market steady, light 90-95¢ per gal.

COMB: Eastern supplies light, 24-section cases fancy $5.00, No. 1, $4.50, No. 2, $4.00.

BEESWAX: Since last report 203 sacks Chile, 51 bags Brazil, 2 bags Argentina, 10 bags, 3 seroons San Domingo, 11 bags Porto Rico, 78 bags Cuba, 22 cases Turkey, 9 cases Aden, 13 sacks Egypt, 35 cases Germany arrived. Supplies light. Demand light. West Indies, light 30¢, dark 24-25¢. Chile and Brazil, light 31¢. Africa, dark 24-26¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Receipts light. No large arrivals since last report. Holdover supplies light. Demand limited, trading slow, market quiet.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers, confectioners and bakers - Porto Rico, bbls. Light Amber 97¢, Amber 95¢ per gal. Georgia, bbls. Light Amber 97¢ per gal. New York, 60-lb. cans White Clover 13¢, Buckwheat 9 3/4¢ per lb.

ST. LOUIS: No large receipts reported since last report. Demand and movement very slow with very few sales, market dull to steady. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa in 5-gal. cans 11¢. Colorado, White mixed flavors 12-13¢.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $5.50-6.00.

BEESSAX: Receipts approximately 920 lbs. during past two weeks for which dealers paid 25¢ per lb. for country run ungraded wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Demand and trading slow, market dull. Practically no new stock being offered by shippers. Orange and sage crops almost failure. Old crop Alfalfa and Clover practically cleaned up. Sales to jobbers - mixed varieties of cooking quality 6-7¢ per lb.

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HONEY - NO. 149

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of July):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California- The weather continues hot and dry with only occasional foggy nights and no rain. Many wells and springs are drying up. Honey flow is about over, and some beekeepers are re-queening. Colonies are building up in some sections, and have generally gathered enough for winter, although some feeding will be necessary. Practically no surplus secured from white sage; wild buckwheat yielded irregularly. Considerable American foulbrood reported in some areas.

Local demand said to be good, with market prices stiffening. Buyers generally offering 12¢ per lb. for White Orange honey, but most beekeepers are holding for more. Few ton lots and one carlot White Orange reported sold for 12¢ per lb., single 60s 12-15¢ per lb. One carlot Light Amber Alfalfa sold at 7½¢ per lb. in Imperial Valley; most beekeepers holding for 8-10¢ per lb. Ton lot sales of Buckwheat reported at 9¢ per lb. Few sales comb honey $5.50 per case. Beeswax has sold at 20-22¢ per lb.

Northern California - Owing to the drouth many plants have died, and what Star Thistle is left is yielding slowly. Some beekeepers have extracted quite a quantity of Light Amber Alfalfa, which has sold in ton lots from 6½-9¢ per lb. In some sections honey dew is coming in freely from willows; in others the aphis seem lacking this year. Few sales 1923 Star Thistle at 10¢ per lb. Little demand for beeswax except for foundation manufacture. It is selling at 21¢ per lb. cash, 22-23¢ in trade.

Practically no comb honey yet produced in Inyo County, due to bad weather in June and drouth in July. The crop may not be over 1/5 normal.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Dry, windy weather and early cutting of first crop Alfalfa seriously curtailed the nectar flow, and cold weather and winds prevent bees working on second crop. Bees are very weak for this time of year. Spray poisoning practically wiped out the field forces of many colonies just before the honey flow started, so crop will be spotted at best. Along the coast the yield is said to have been of higher average and better quality than usual. Few sales extracted in large lots around 10¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: The situation continues extremely variable. In general it has been too cool, cloudy and windy for best nectar secretion or for bees to work normally. In many sections lack of rain or irrigation water is very serious. Grasshoppers reported bad in Nevada and parts of Colorado. First crop Alfalfa generally cut before it bloomed to any extent. Sweet clover and second crop alfalfa need rain if much nectar is to be secured from them. Little comb honey is being produced. Yet some sections report a crop better than average, and even in Utah, which is generally dry, a scale colony showed 14 lbs. gain on July 23.

There has been little extracting so far. Carlot inquiries reported numerous, but local demand slow since new fruit came on market. Few sales White extracted in 60-lb. cans at 9½-12½¢, ton lots 9¾-9½¢, small pails 12½-15¢ per lb. Buyers offering 7½-8¢ per lb. in carlots. A few cases of White Comb have sold from $4.50 to $6.00 per case; carlot buyers offering $3.75-4.25. Beeswax has moved at 20-25¢ per lb.

ARIZONA POINTS: The alfalfa flow has been better than normal and short staple cotton is yielding some nectar. The mesquite crop was short. Honey is darker than usual but of fairly good quality. Few sales Light Amber extracted reported at 8 1/3¢ per lb. in case lots.

TEXAS POINTS: Bees have been working well on cotton for the past two weeks, and lightly on mesquite, while flow in west Texas has been good. Colonies are in satisfactory condition. Considerable honey has been sold recently at the following prices: extracted, White or Light Amber, 60-lb. cans 9-10¢, ton lots 8¢, 6/10s 9-12¢ per lb. basis; bulk comb, 6/10s 14-16¢ per lb. basis; smaller pails, both comb and extracted, 1¢ per lb. advance each for 5s and 3s. Beeswax, yellow 20-22¢ per lb. cash, 25¢ in trade, dark 18-20¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: There has been a record White Clover bloom, and it is still continuing. Bees are working on it and Sweet Clover when weather, which has been unfavorable, permits. Nectar is coming in heavily from Hubam fields. Fair prospects from heartsease and Spanish needle. What honey has been extracted is said to be of excellent quality and good body. Few sales comb $4.80-5.00 per case.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Where colonies were up to strength, the yield will generally be normal or above. Parts of Wisconsin report the heaviest crop in many years. Clover has been in bloom an unusually long time. Lack of rain and cool weather has curtailed yield in some sections, and occasional reports received of only 1/3 crop. The extracted honey is said to be of heavy body and fine color. Few sales reported of white extracted, in ton lots 9-11¢, single 60s 11-14¢ per lb.

PORTO RICO: (First half of July): Heavy rains and winds over the entire island have curtailed the yield. Some f.o.b. quotations have now dropped to 60¢ per gal., in bbls.

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NORTHEASTERN STATES: The clover yield is very spotted. In sections of Pennsylvania, and in Northern New York and Vermont some beekeepers are securing crops of extracted honey that are better than normal. In general, however, the season is the poorest in many years, and numerous reports indicate a crop of 1/3 normal or less. With many, the surplus will hardly be sufficient to carry the bees over winter. The crop of comb honey is light everywhere. Few sales reported of white extracted in 60-lb. cans at 12¢, ton lots 11-12¢, small pails 14¢, light amber, 60-lb. cans 11¢. Comb honey, few sales No. 1 White $4.80 per case.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: The 1924 crop of honey is reported to be the largest in years in Louisiana, Georgia, Florida and parts of North Carolina. Some sections of Louisiana have had a severe drouth for many weeks, but nectar is coming in from cotton, pepper vine and button wood in the low lands, and a good flow is expected from partridge pea. The honey has extra heavy body and mild flavor. Prospects in Georgia are good for a flow from Mexican clover, and velvet beans and field peas are yielding somewhat. Demand has been very good. Bees in Florida are working on cabbage palmetto, and in Alabama on cotton. Amber in bbls. has been sold at 6-8¢ per lb. light amber 8-10¢ with some sales fine quality up to 11½¢ per lb. or higher. In 60-lb. cans best stock has sold around 12½¢ per lb. Fancy comb has sold at $5.00 per case, No. 1, $4.50.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

(Market reports are for July 31.)

BOSTON: About 3/4 car Porto Rico arrived during past month.

COMB: Demand light, market dull, no change in prices. Sales by receivers to retailers- New York, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $5.00-6.00. Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock, 14-ounce $6.00, 12-ounce $4.50, 10-ounce $4.25.

EXTRACTED: Demand good, market strong. Per lb. Sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers- Porto Rico, Dark Amber 9-9½¢. California, Light Amber Sage 14-14½¢, White Orange 16-17¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 14-16¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 720 lbs. Wis. 1210 lbs. Ill. arrived. Demand good for new white honey. Trading light for last 2 weeks on extracted honey, fair on new comb. Supplies of comb and extracted very light. Practically no new comb now on hand.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners- per lb. Iowa, White Clover 10-11¢, Light Amber mixed flavors 9-10¢, dark mixed 6-9¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- Wisconsin and Illinois, 24-section cases White Clover fancy $4.75-5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.25, Dark Amber $2.50-3.00.

BEESWAX: Trading very light, market very dull. Illinois, light 26-28¢, some 29-30¢, dark 25-26¢.

DENVER: Demand moderate, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 14½¢, Light Amber 13½¢ per lb. Prices reported for July 15 were 1¢ per lb. too high.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa fancy mostly $5.25, No. 1, $5.00, No. 2, $4.75.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies very light

COMB: Practically no demand, market dull. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $5.00-5.50.

EXTRACTED: Demand light, market steady. New stock, sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers- Minnesota, White Clover 13¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 5 bbls. Porto Rico and receipts liberal Florida arrived. Demand light, market about steady. Per lb. New York, White Sweet Clover 11-12¢, Buckwheat mostly 9½¢. California, supplies light, White Orange 14-15¢, Light Amber Sage 11-12½¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢. Florida, supplies liberal, White Tupelo 13½-14¢, Light Amber 9-10¢. Porto Rico, market steady, 90-95¢ per gal.

COMB: Supplies light. Eastern, 24-section cases White Clover fancy $5.50-6.00.

BEESWAX: Since last report 132 cases France, 70 bags Chile, 11 bags, 22 seroons San Domingo, 218 bags Brazil arrived. Supplies very light. Demand light. West Indies, dark 23¢, Chili, Brazil and Cuba, light 29½-31¢, Africa, dark 25¢ per lb.

PHILADELPHIA: No large arrivals since last report. Holdover supplies light but sufficient to meet present light demand. Trading very slow, market quiet.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers, confectioners and bakers- Porto Rico, barrels Light Amber 96-97¢, Amber 93-94¢ per gallon. New York, 60-lb. cans, White Clover 14¢, Buckwheat 9-9½¢ per pound.

ST. LOUIS: No large receipts reported since last report. Demand and movement slow and market dull. No sales reported. Jobbing quotations follow:

EXTRACTED: Per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 11¢. Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 12-13¢.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $5.50-6.00.

BEESWAX: Light receipts during past 2 weeks. Dealers paid 25¢ per pound for ungraded country run wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Demand and trading moderate, market dull, very little activity.

EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers- Per lb. Old stock, Washington, White Clover supplies light 11-12½¢, Light Amber 9-11¢. New stock, California, Orange Blossom, fair quality Light Amber 12-14¢, according to quality. Hawaii White 8-9¢, Light Amber 7-8¢.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JUNE, 1924.

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Switzerland	27	11
England	1,152	640
Canada	185	52
Guatemala	2,640	211
Mexico	21,720	1,864
Palestine & Syria	1,340	240
TOTAL	27,064	3,018

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING JUNE, 1924.

	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	91,963	6,714
Hawaii	181,272	8,716

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING JUNE, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Germany	17,175	16,093
Norway	4,200	588
England	33,520	3,299
Canada	1,632	347
Honduras	24	8
British India	1,160	128
Ceylon	30	8
China	888	268
Hongkong	113	36
TOTAL	58,742	6,375

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JUNE, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
Belgium	27,020
France	67
Germany	17,575
Italy	1,287
Netherlands	1,484
Spain	5,540
England	8
Canada	4,687
Mexico	39
Cuba	20,633
Dominican Republic	1,737
Argentina	13,372
Brazil	6,171
Chile	55,345
Hongkong	108
Egypt	5,282
TOTAL	160,655

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING JUNE, 1924

	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	1,590	250
Hawaii	-	-

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING JUNE, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Canada	8,037	3,119
Panama	4	2
Ecuador	1,646	205
Peru	20	3
Australia	60	24
New Zealand	140	29
TOTAL	9,907	3,382

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CONDITION OF HONEY BEES AND HONEY PLANTS AND YIELDS OF HONEY, JULY 1, 1924
(Based on returns by thousands of beekeepers, in all parts of the country, to the Division of Crop Estimates.)

State.	Yield of Surplus Honey per Colony to July 1			Proportion of crops usually produced to July 1	Condition of Colonies July 1 100 - normal			Condition of Honey Plants July 1 100 - normal		
	*Average 1915-1923	1923	1924		*Average 1916-1923	1923	1924	*Average 1916-1923	1923	1924
	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Per cent	%	%	%	%	%	%
Maine	11	11	--	20	89	77	--	87	84	--
New Hampshire	22	24	13	48	89	84	94	84	78	71
Vermont	12	16	6	24	88	77	88	88	89	79
Massachusetts	19	29	20	40	91	87	85	92	97	83
Rhode Island	8	5	18	40	92	83	70	96	93	89
Connecticut	18	24	8	30	89	81	84	91	88	81
New York	17	17	5	29	90	81	87	90	99	88
New Jersey	28	20	14	60	93	90	93	90	82	88
Pennsylvania	24	26	11	45	92	90	89	88	70	85
Delaware	20	20	24	70	91	86	85	81	47	90
Maryland	30	29	34	76	93	84	97	83	66	95
Virginia	24	22	29	63	90	92	99	82	71	100
West Virginia	19	18	16	61	90	83	82	85	76	79
North Carolina	21	22	27	63	92	87	94	84	76	93
South Carolina	23	25	34	75	92	84	95	83	76	92
Georgia	24	16	27	70	90	82	91	79	69	85
Florida	40	37	50	65	92	91	99	84	83	95
Ohio	29	21	6	55	93	88	89	88	75	84
Indiana	27	13	18	47	93	89	90	84	75	97
Illinois	18	14	11	38	89	86	89	81	63	93
Michigan	26	29	9	44	89	83	81	84	83	84
Wisconsin	21	34	7	35	88	90	78	86	79	86
Minnesota	16	19	7	29	89	90	85	87	75	84
Iowa	24	21	19	35	90	91	87	85	82	91
Missouri	19	10	15	50	88	89	89	80	68	88
North Dakota	14	2	6	10	96	89	92	90	82	88
South Dakota	14	18	7	20	91	89	84	92	89	73
Nebraska	13	7	11	19	89	86	94	84	87	94
Kansas	15	11	13	40	89	88	89	81	85	82
Kentucky	26	9	8	60	90	84	82	83	70	76
Tennessee	23	18	24	75	88	86	95	80	80	90
Alabama	22	15	22	65	86	85	98	74	68	91
Mississippi	24	14	28	70	84	75	93	74	71	87
Louisiana	30	33	42	75	96	94	100	93	96	86
Texas	24	6	31	65	88	79	93	70	67	88
Oklahoma	18	18	17	44	90	87	93	84	76	83
Arkansas	22	15	17	75	90	86	94	80	77	93
Montana	7	7	3	10	90	97	99	86	95	91
Wyoming	3	0	0	0	95	95	83	92	88	85
Colorado	4	2	4	7	90	79	85	86	79	88
New Mexico	16	20	7	37	90	84	83	88	94	74
Arizona	35	44	29	60	91	101	88	74	67	82
Utah	5	4	2	10	91	89	88	89	78	83
Nevada	14	--	--	10	81	--	--	81	--	--
Idaho	4	0	2	5	86	83	87	88	80	75
Washington	12	8	14	25	86	83	92	88	96	83
Oregon	14	4	31	40	86	85	87	78	78	75
California	33	13	10	60	89	82	79	76	85	55
United States	22.9	16.6	18.0	48.7	89.4	85.4	88.8	81.1	74.6	84.2

*In a very few averages a shorter period was used.

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HONEY - NO. 150

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of August):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California- Some beekeepers have recently extracted a little bean honey, which is one of the few plants now yielding nectar, and the area of this source is very limited. Some Buckwheat honey also extracted. Plants have yielded well considering the dry season and the efforts of many bee men to make increase rather than honey, but some find it necessary to feed. Sales of Orange honey reported at 12-13¢ per lb. in 60-lb. cans, 15¢ in small pails wholesale, and Sage and Buckwheat at 10¢ per lb., and many beekeepers are holding Buckwheat for 11-12¢ per lb. and Orange for 14-16¢ per lb. Beeswax 23-25¢ per lb.

One reporter estimates the Imperial Valley crop at 3/4 normal. Carlots of Light Amber Alfalfa reported sold at 7½-7 5/8¢, some low as 7¢, with single 60s at 10¢ per lb. Much of the crop is being held for better prices than buyers are offering.

Northern California - Extracting of the small crop is now on. The outlook is better than at first thought, although the season has been one of the driest ever experienced, with irrigation water often seriously insufficient. Some beekeepers, located near streams, will get a half crop of Thistle honey, but others will obtain only very small amounts. One car Light Amber Alfalfa sold at 8¢ per lb. Few single 60-lb. cans Light Amber sold at 11¢ per lb., small pails 12-13¢. Amber, 60-lb. cans 9¢, ton lots 7½¢ per lb. White Star Thistle offered in carlots at 10¢ per lb. Beeswax has generally sold at 21¢ per lb. cash, 22¢ in trade with some sales up to 26¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: The weather has settled down, and bees are getting a chance to work on second crop alfalfa, which is blooming heavily. But few colonies are strong enough to take full advantage of the flow. The honey is said to be of heavy body and fine quality. Extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa has sold in large lots at 10-10½¢ per lb., single 60s 12½¢, small pails wholesale 14-15¢ per lb. Several cars of 1923 honey remain unsold in Washington.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Conditions vary greatly, even in the same State. In Utah, for instance, Uintah Basin and Cache Valley are said to have a good crop, in the balance of the State water is very scarce and the crop will be small. Western Colorado reports a yield about like last year's, with second crop alfalfa yielding well, but the Arkansas Valley and Northern Colorado range fair to poor. Montana has been too cold for best nectar secretion, and grasshoppers have been bad. The situation in Idaho is turning out better than at first anticipated, and a half crop or better may be secured when irrigation water can be secured.

Inquiry has been light to moderate thus far. No carlot sales reported but shippers generally quoting 9-9½¢ per lb. for White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa. Carlots White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa comb, extra fancy $4.75, choice $4.25.

ARIZONA POINTS: Some beekeepers report a yield better than normal; others are getting a very light crop. Most of the honey in Southeast Arizona came from second crop mesquite. Dwindling reported greater than for past 3 years. Few large lot sales Light Amber reported at 7½-8 1/3¢ per lb., white 9¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: Very dry and hot, seriously curtailing crop. Bees gathering a little cotton nectar in early mornings, but rain badly needed over entire State. Mesquite surplus light. Considerable honey reported sold at following prices: extracted, White or Light Amber, 60-lb. cans 9-12¢, ton lots 8-10¢, 6/10s 10-13¢, 12/5s 11-14¢lb. 20/3s 12-15¢; bulk comb, 6/10s 13-16¢, small pails in proportion. Beeswax, 20-23¢ per lb. cash, 25¢ in trade.

PLAINS AREA: Honey plants are holding out for a longer period than usual, and bees are still working on white and sweet clover and Hubam clover. Rains which have been frequent, have kept bees from working in Iowa. Prospects are good for a fall flow, and bees are starting to store lightly from heartsease. Honey is moving rapidly to retail trade. Carlot buyers are offering 9¢ per lb. for extracted White Sweet Clover and several cars sold at that price, but beekeepers are generally holding for 10¢ per lb. or above. Ton lot sales White Clover reported at 11½¢, small pails 15-16¢ per lb. Few sales No. 1 White Comb at $5.00 per case.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Crop extremely spotted. Where colonies are strong and weather has permitted bees to work yield will be average or above in spite of late season. Frequently colonies were too weak to take advantage of the flow, and in many cases excessive rainfall, while keeping honey plants in bloom, has hindered bees from working, and many beekeepers report prospects of only 1/3 crop or less. Buckwheat flow is coming on, and fall flow from goldenrod, heartsease, etc., should be good.

Extracting has started. Demand for comb said to be best in years; good inquiry also in some sections for extracted. White Clover has sold, 60-lb. cans 14-15¢ per lb., ton lots 11-12¢, small pails wholesale 15-16¢ per lb., carlots, asking 10¢ per lb. No. 1 and fancy White Clover and Milkweed Comb, $4.80-5.50 per case, No. 2, $4.50 per case.

PORTO RICO: (Last half of July) Due to showers and heavy rains, prospects do not look favorable for a good crop, but some honey is being gathered in the hill sections. Barrels of Amber extracted usually quoted at 70¢ per gal.

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NORTHEASTERN STATES: The spotted nature of the white honey crop in New York State is shown by the following general estimates; central and eastern New York 25% normal Hudson River Valley South of Kingston 80% normal; Northern New York 60% normal. But even in the same section some colonies will need 3 supers, while others nearby have secured practically nothing and feeding will be necessary. Comb honey will be very scarce. The buckwheat crop in Pennsylvania is expected to be one of the best in years; it will be fair to good in New York. White Clover extracted has sold, in 60-lb. cans 12½-15¢, ton lots 10-12¢, few 14¢, small pails wholesale 12-16¢ per lb. White Comb, fancy and No. 1, $4.25-4.80, few higher, No. 2, $3.25-4.80 per case.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: The honey flow is still on in most sections of Louisiana, in spite of the long-continued drouth. Most beekeepers are selling ton lots of amber extracted in bbls. around 7¢ per lb. Hot weather is slowing up the flow from Mexican clover and peas in Georgia, but a good fall flow is anticipated. Demand is good, but supplies are still plentiful. Queens are moving rather slowly for this time of year. Light amber chunk honey has sold at 15¢ per lb. Bees are not doing much in Florida, where cabbage palmetto was blighted by rain. Amber in bbls. selling at 6-8¢ per lb., light amber 8-10¢ per lb. Prospects are for the usual light fall flow in Alabama.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

(Market Reports are for Aug. 14 or 15)

BOSTON: Since last report 40 bbls. Porto Rico arrived via New York City.

COMB: Demand light, market dull, prices unchanged. Sales by receivers to retailers- New York, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $5.00-6.00. Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock, 14-ounce $6.00, 12-ounce $4.50, 10-ounce $4.25.

EXTRACTED: Demand good, market firm, prices unchanged. Per lb. Sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers - Porto Rico, Dark Amber 9-9½¢. California, Light Amber Sage 14-14½¢, White Orange 16-17¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1229 bbls. Wis. 9715 lbs. Ill. arrived. Only fair demand for new white honey. Trading very light last two weeks on extracted, light on comb. Moderate supplies of new comb, light supplies of extracted.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Iowa and Illinois, White Clover 11-12¢, Light Amber mixed flavors 9-10¢, dark mixed 6-9¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois, 24-section cases White Clover fancy $4.50-5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.25, Dark Amber $2.50-3.00.

BEESWAX: Trading very light, market dull, very little demand. Illinois, light 26-28¢, dark 24-25¢.

DENVER: Demand moderate, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 14½¢, Light Amber 13½¢ per lb.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa fancy mostly $5.25, No. 1, $5.00, No. 2, $4.75.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies very light.

COMB: Demand very light, market dull. Sales to retailers- New stock, Minnesota, and Iowa, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $5.50-6.00.

EXTRACTED: Demand light, market about steady. New stock, sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers- Minnesota, White Clover 12½¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 71 bbls. Porto Rico, 2 cases Palestine arrived. Florida receipts liberal. Demand slow, market weaker. Per lb. New York, White Clover 11¢, Buckwheat old stock 8¢. California, supplies moderate, White Orange 13-15¢, Light Amber Sage 12½-13¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 13¢. Florida, supplies liberal, White Tupelo 13-14¢, Light Amber 9-10¢. Porto Rico, market steady 90-95¢ gal.

COMB: Supplies light. Eastern, 24-section cases fancy $5.00.

BEESWAX: Since last report 16 seroons San Domingo, 57 bags Cuba, 2 bags Porto Rico, 11 bbls, 51 bags Brazil, 10 bbls. Chile, 17 bags Germany arrived. Supplies moderate. Demand good, market slightly stronger. Per lb. West Indies, dark 25¢. African, dark 26¢. Chili, light 32¢. West Indies, light 28¢. Brazil, light 30¢.

PHILADELPHIA: No large arrivals since last report. Holdover supplies light but sufficient to meet present light demand. Trading very slow, market quiet.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers, confectioners and bakers- Porto Rico, barrels Light Amber 96-97¢, Amber 93-94¢ per gallon. New York, 60-lb. cans, White Clover 14¢, Buckwheat 9-9½¢ per pound.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Market dull. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Per lb., Idaho, demand slow, Waterwhite Sweet Clover 12½-13¢. Hawaii, demand good for White and Waterwhite, Algeroba, White 8¢, Waterwhite 8½¢, Amber 7¢, Light Amber 7½¢.

BEESWAX: California, 24-25¢ per lb.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1924, BY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

(Conversion made on basis of 12 pounds to 1 gallon)

COUNTRIES FROM WHICH IMPORTED:	TOTAL	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT.	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Guatemala	109,067	13,249	27,393	23,856	600	38,329				3,000			2,640
Costa Rica	58								58				
Dominican Republic	28,837	12,700	6,720		3,420	169		5,828					
British West Indies	10,339	771	120				9,448						
Haiti	7,140			4,620				2,520					
Cuba	5,235		4,103			634	493						
French West Indies	2,135						682		1,453				
Colombia	389								389				
Mexico	69,089			2,000	28,128	11,351	3,080	740			2,070		21,720
Canada	59,641	190	1,815	7,057	12,913	16,614	8,576	4,808	2,152	3,574	1,075	480	185
United Kingdom	13,150	50				1,728	972	96	3,696	576	1,712	3,168	1,152
France	996				325		246	350				75	
Spain	1,323					1,323							
Portugal	1,083		633		450								
Italy	3,014	70				86	914			1,920		24	
Greece	27,879				3,500		14,450	5,066		225		4,638	
Switzerland	27												27
Palestine and Syria	5,701						1,488	486	220	1,445		722	1,340
Turkey in Asia	1,567						1,061	171	327	8			
New Zealand	720	720											
Hongkong	540				56	204	60	35		70		115	
Japan	258									258			
TOTAL	348,188	27,750	40,789	37,533	49,392	70,638	41,472	20,100	8,295	11,076	4,857	9,222	27,064

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1924.

	TOTAL	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT.	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Porto Rico	2,763,498	82,636	363,682	473,729	517,196	399,400	150,470	245,292	116,887	95,685	63,511	163,047	91,963
Hawaii	1,646,857	56,236	190,536	204,657	156,877	226,730	130,758	371,476	47,178	28,943	33,444	18,750	181,272
TOTAL	4,410,355	138,872	554,218	678,386	674,073	626,130	281,228	616,768	164,065	124,628	96,955	181,797	273,235

Note: The total imports from all countries, including Porto Rico and Hawaii, 4,758,543 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, compares with a total of 4,475,473 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, and with a total of 4,368,960 lbs. for the calendar year 1923.

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EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1924, BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION

COUNTRIES TO WHICH EXPORTED	TOTAL	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Canada	51,482	5,775	2,158	2,146	5,247	2,918	2,095	4,172	1,025	5,456	6,036	6,417	8,037
Newfoundland and Labrador	128									128			
Mexico	885		380	150	15	50		10		20		260	
Panama	1,451				397		350	200				500	4
Honduras	160	50	50	5			5	50					
Colombia	235	110						100			25		
Ecuador	1,666				20								1,646
Venezuela	185	160	25										
Peru	108			88									20
Argentina	259		259										
Chile	188									188			
Cuba	368							2		142		224	
England	16,812		617	1,129	750				14,092			224	
Spain	22,604						22,604						
Netherlands	3,371											3,371	
Japan	9,750	50	330	200		50	9,120						
Hongkong	393	93										300	
Philippine Islands	6,856		1,840		916		1,000	1,600	100	1,400			
Australia	5,725					1,240			25		4,400		60
New Zealand	12,632	2,240	1,041				2,429	2,370	2,160	2,252			140
British South Africa	457				157		300						
Other Countries	365		25	25		89		60		50	52	64	
TOTAL	136,080	8,478	6,725	3,743	7,502	4,347	37,903	8,564	17,402	9,636	10,513	11,360	9,907

Note: The total imports of beeswax, 136,080 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, compares with a total of 211,552 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, and with a total of 118,456 lbs. for the calendar year 1923.

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August 15, 1924. IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1924, BY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

COUNTRIES FROM WHICH IMPORTED	TOTAL	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Portugal	1,019,931	33,620	168,327			28,513	314,858	96,816	65,519		200,372	111,906	
United Kingdom	328,739		7,612		9,333	12,268	36,743	56,685	48,207	23,661	50,618	83,604	8
Belgium	155,136					22,162	26,616	53.913	14,930	10,495			27,020
Spain	128,315											122,775	5,540
Germany	101,062	3,600	21,045	2,395	3,197	2,640		2,205	26,202			22,203	17,575
France	44,272						33,050					11,155	67
Turkey in Europe	39,305			4,713	4,900			7,092	2,600		20,000		
Italy	36,505	2,262	4,383	6,620				4,415	2,207	55	15,276		1,287
Netherlands	19,846	8,569	6,663					1,552		1,578			1,484
Poland-Danzig	4,672										4,672		
Egypt	69,072						4,506	1,960	12,806	33,317	6,540	4,661	5,282
Aden	23,012	3,104		6,720			6,720			1,988	4,480		
Cuba	305.368	29,275	8,457	10,129	13,419	12,607	18,885	23,795	24,309	84,101	34,386	25,372	20,633
Dominican Republic	87,415	5,153	11,761	17,473	6,777	7,374	5,652	4,980	6,887	3,011	11,835	4,775	1,737
Haiti	5,651		477			1,000	518	2,336	936		384		
Chile	371,540	1,039	37,628	4,223	12,318	15,000	6,000	39,702	13,621	1,023	69,561	115,780	55,645
Brazil	341,442	21,761	30,411	145,292	43,144	40,040		3,800	13,124	18,189	13,248	6,262	6,171
Argentina	19,972					6,600							13,372
Bolivia	12,915			12,915									
Mexico	11,010		80		530						10,361		39
Canada	7,260						521	337		1,262	373	80	4,687
Hongkong	112,514	148			136			10				112,112	108
Dutch E. Indies	16,547						16,547						
Other Countries	9,818	2,404	1,226	2,709	1,049				2,204			226	
TOTAL	3,271,319	110,935	298,070	213,189	94,803	148,204	470,616	299,598	233,552	178,680	442,106	620,911	160,655

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1924

	TOTAL	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Porto Rico	28,563	1,161	690	2,512	915	2,646	4,404	5,297	1,107	3,022	1,769	3,450	1,590
Hawaii	24,968	600	757		2,025	1,924	9,631		3,371	2,990	3,670		
TOTAL	53,531	1,761	1,447	2,512	2,940	4,570	14,035	5,297	4,478	6,012	5,439	3,450	1,590

Note: The total imports from all countries, including Porto Rico and Hawaii, 3,324,850 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, compares with a total of 4,442,696 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, and with a total of 3,626,453 lbs. for the calendar year 1923.

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EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1924, BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION

(From data secured through Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.)

COUNTRIES TO WHICH EXPORTED	TOTAL	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
United Kingdom	1,117,348	104,138	77,623	87,850	94,008	121,138	67,645	87,195	140,316	216,930	80,832	6,153	33,320
Germany	166,714	5,671	310	995	120	900	600	44,689	42,051	16,017	10,397	27,789	17,175
Norway	109,096	27,000	25,256	3,600	27,440	12,000	9,600						4,200
Denmark	103,598	12,000	18,400	19,200	17,460	60		4,839	12,000	12,377	1,262	6,000	
Belgium	82,851					12,969		69,882					
Netherlands	61,449	13	5,640	15,545	3,800	4,360	1,800		13,611	16,680			
France	12,425	425	12,000										
Italy	29,976					900			29,076				
Austria	21,143								3,484	17,659			
Sweden	6,060							6,000		60			
Switzerland	4,320									4,320			
Canada	127,657	2,147	19,211	7,060	58,153	20,833	3,190	2,233	4,267	3,843	2,043	3,045	1,632
Newfoundland & Labrador	1,895	120		1,332		120						323	
Cuba	1,037	660	30		10	147	60		90	40			
Bermuda	688			74	113	20	30	60	106	225	60		
Colombia	1,185	92	431	384	278								
Panama	866			240		160	180		16			270	
Honduras	722	61	52	101	30	169	16	99	34		93	43	24
Peru	925			289		40				56		540	
China	17,399	989	1,547	1,818	1,545	855		1,818	1,120	1,102	2,673	3,044	888
British India	13,237	1,534	803	583	1,836	1,031	812	1,656	1,409	510	765	1,138	1,160
Hongkong	6,258	840	385	494	849	616	378	819	839	150	129	646	113
Japan	7,138		2,208	792	120	600	240	48	600	752	1,490	288	
Straits Settlements	4,160	343	286	253	139	894	48	223	240	738	120	876	
Ceylon	876	261		138		69	168	120		30	30	30	30
Siam	1,039	255		69	69	46			150	210	120	120	
French Indo China	1,224	48	120		696	120						240	
Philippine Islands	12,283	595	242	502	1,645	553	230	3,432	1,304	720	1,970	1,090	
Java & Madura	6,295	715	1,060		891	48	1,948	240	368	150	300	575	
Other Dutch E. Indies	834				96			390		48	300		
Other Countries	1,117	324	46	60		97	206	95	136	93		60	
TOTAL	1,921,815	158,231	165,650	141,379	209,298	178,745	87,151	223,838	251,217	292,710	102,584	52,270	58,742

Note: The total 1,921,815 lbs. of exports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, compares with a total of 2,891,478 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, and with a total of 2,086,008 lbs. for the calendar year 1923.

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of August):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Season about over, although some bees are still getting surplus from blue curl, mullein, late buckwheat and sumac. Buckwheat crop reported hardly 10% normal. Most colonies have sufficient winter stores. Many streams and springs have dried up. Market reported active for Orange honey with upward tendency. Carlot sales White Orange reported at 12¢, ton lots, White Orange 12-13⅓¢, Light Amber Buckwheat 10¢, Light Amber Sage 9-10½¢, Extra Light Amber and Light Amber Sage, 11½¢, Light Amber mixed flavors 7-9¢. Case lots comb honey $6.00. Beeswax 20-22¢ per lb.

The Imperial Valley crop is about over except for a few bees still working on cotton. Some inquiry reported from England, requesting samples. Carlot sales reported of Light Amber Alfalfa at 7½¢ and 8¢ per lb., few ton lot sales 7¼-7½¢ per lb.

Northern California - Thistle plants are drying up and the flow is generally over,- a very light crop. The alfalfa crop is said to have been better than usual, and some bees are still working on it. Local demand for honey good, but interest on part of outside buyers is limited. Beekeepers are holding thistle honey for 10-10½¢ per lb. Ton lot sales Amber extracted at 6 3/4-7¢ per lb. Beeswax, 21¢ per lb. cash, 22¢ per lb. in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Heavy winds and rain curtailed the good flow in Washington from second crop alfalfa, but a small yield is in prospect from third crop. Due to the dry summer, there is little prospect of a fall flow in Eastern Oregon but the outlook is fair for a flow in Western Oregon. The yield in Washington has varied greatly - some producers getting a better crop than in 1923; others reporting only a half crop. Carlot sale White Alfalfa reported at 10½¢ per lb., ton lots 10-11¢, single 60s 12-12½¢, small pails 11-17½¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Honey flow has become very light, with frosts reported from several states. Yield very spotted. In practically all states some beekeepers have secured no surplus and will have to feed; while others have obtained a good yield. In general, less than half a crop is estimated in Montana and Utah by many beekeepers; the Wyoming crop is lighter than usual; the Nevada yield is at least 25% short; in Idaho, where colonies in the dry areas were moved in time to irrigated districts a fair crop will be secured; Western Colorado reports a yield about the same as or better than last year's, with a light crop in the northern part of the state and Arkansas Valley. Drouth has been unfavorable to sweet clover prospects for 1925.

Numerous inquiries for carlots reported and carlot sales of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa have been made at 8¢, 8¼¢, 8 3/4¢, 9¢, 9½¢, and 10¢ per lb.; ton lots 10-12¢, some low as 7¢, single 60s 10-13 1/3¢, Light Amber, ton lots 9¢ per lb. Carlot sales White comb, fancy $4.75-5.00, choice $4.25-4.60 per case. One carlot sale $4.00 per case for all grades; small lots No. 1, $4.50, No. 2, $4.00 per case. Beeswax, 20-23¢ per lb. cash, 25¢ per lb. in trade.

ARIZONA POINTS: Weather dry and hot. One beekeeper estimates colony loss to date as over 1/3 of spring increase. Little hope expressed for surplus this fall. One carlot Light Amber extracted sold at 7½¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: As a result of the hot, dry weather colonies are storing but little nectar from cotton and sumac, and rain is needed if a fall crop is to be obtained. Western Texas estimates ¼ crop; for state as a whole crop is estimated at 2/3 of last year's. Demand generally slow, partly due to new syrup and fruits on the market. Extracted has sold, per lb., in 60-lb. cans 10-11¢, 10-lb. pails 10-13¢, few 15¢, bulk comb, 10-lb. pails 12-14¢, few 16¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Rains and cool weather have curtailed the clover crop in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Illinois, but it should still surpass that of 1923, and a good fall crop is possible. Dry weather makes a fall crop unlikely in South Dakota, but bees there have done unusually well this season. Extracted in 60-lb. cans has sold at 10-15¢ per lb., ton lots 10-11½¢, small pails 18¢. White comb, fancy $5.00-5.50, No. 1, $4.25-5.00 per case.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Excessive rainfall has kept bees from working on honey plants, especially in Wisconsin and Michigan, and crops of from 50% to normal are reported in those states. Much honey in Wisconsin is not ripened or capped over, due to too much moisture. Crops in Indiana and Ohio will be much better than last year's, and Minnesota has a good crop. Buckwheat acreage is larger than usual, and prospects are excellent also for a large crop from goldenrod, asters and heartsease. Some white and sweet clover and alsike is still in bloom. Queen-breeders report a big demand. Colonies are generally reported in excellent shape, and are building up well.

Demand has been good, and numerous sales reported. White Clover extracted has sold in carlots at 9¢, 10¢, and 12¢ per lb., ton lots 9-13¢, single 60s 12-15¢, small pails 15-18¢ per lb. White comb, fancy $4.75-6.00, mostly $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.50-4.80 per case. Beeswax has sold at 26¢ per lb.

WEST INDIES: Cuba - Several cars have sold recently at 80¢ per gal. in 50-gal. bbls. Production yet uncertain, as crop begins in November and lasts until April.

Porto Rico - Local showers are likely to cut down the crop. [illegible] being extracted. Some sales reported at 75¢ per gal. in [illegible]

NORTHEASTERN STATES: The crop shows wide variations, even in nearby sections, but in general the New York white honey crop will range from 25 to 60% of normal, with some beekeepers getting a full crop; and many Vermont beekeepers will get not over 1/3 of last year's production. The crop of comb honey will be light. The buckwheat crop will be the best in years in Pennsylvania, and is improving in New York, where unfavorable weather, including hail, had weakened prospects of a good crop. Vermont reports prospects for a large fall flow. Colonies will have a good supply of young bees for winter. Few sales reported: single 60s 12½-15¢, ton lots 12¢ per lb. White comb No. 1, $4.25-5.50 per case; No. 2, $3.75-4.50 per case.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: The yield in Georgia this season has been exceptional, but at present the extremely dry weather has almost stopped the flow from Mexican clover, velvet beans and peas; but the partridge pea of northern Florida has given the heaviest yield this year of any season. There are prospects also for a flow from wild sunflower in Florida. In Louisiana the drouth was stopped recently by good rains. Best extracted White honey has sold at 15¢ per lb., Light Amber in cans 12½¢, in barrels 8-10¢; Amber in barrels 6-8¢ per lb. Chunk honey, in 60s 15¢, ton lots 14¢ per lb. Comb honey, White $5.00, Light Amber $4.50 per case.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

(Market reports are for Aug. 29 or 30)

BOSTON: No large arrivals since last report.

COMB: Demand light, market dull. Sales by receivers to retailers - New York, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $5.00-6.00. Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock, 14-ounce $6.00, 12-ounce $4.50, 10-ounce $4.25.

EXTRACTED: Demand good, market firm. Per lb., sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers - Intermountain, new White Sweet Clover 14-16¢. Porto Rico, Dark Amber 9-9½¢. Old stock practically cleaned up.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1,690 lbs. Wis. arrived. Moderate supplies new comb; very light supplies of extracted. Only fair demand for new white honey, trading very light last two weeks on extracted, light on new comb. Good demand for old dark extracted.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin, Alfalfa and White Clover 11-13¢, Light and Medium Amber mixed flavors 9-10¢, dark mixed 8-9¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota, 24-section cases White Clover fancy and No. 1, $5.00-5.25, No. 2, $4.25-4.50, last year's White and Light Amber $2.00-3.00.

BEESWAX: Very light demand, market dull. Trading very light. Illinois, light 26-28¢, dark 24-25¢ per lb.

DENVER: Demand moderate, market steady at unchanged prices.

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 14½¢, Light Amber 13½¢ per lb.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa fancy mostly $5.25, No. 1, $5.00, No. 2, $4.75.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand light.

COMB: Market dull. Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin, White Clover No. 1, $5.50. Colorado, Clover and Alfalfa mixed $5.50.

EXTRACTED: Market steady. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gal. lots or more, per lb., Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 12½¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 99 bbls. San Domingo, 298 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. Demand slow, market dull. New York, White Clover 11-12¢. California, supplies moderate, Light Amber Sage 12½-13¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢. Florida, supplies liberal, White Tupelo 13-14¢, Light Amber 9-10¢. Porto Rico, market steady, 90-95¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Since last report 14 bags Egypt, 55 bags, 5 seroons San Domingo, 34 bags Chile, 61 cases Germany, 66 bags Cuba arrived. Supplies rather limited. Demand good, market firm India, dark 25-26¢. Africa, dark 26-28¢. Chile, light 32¢. West Indies, light 28-30¢. Brazil, light 31-32¢. Cuba, yellow 30¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Since last report 10 barrels arrived from Porto Rico. Supplies light. Demand moderate, market slightly stronger on account of light supplies.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers, confectioners and bakers - Porto Rico, barrels Light Amber 95-97¢ per gal. New York, 60-lb. cans White Clover 14¢, Buckwheat 10-10½¢ per lb. California, Alfalfa, Light Amber very fancy 13¢, Amber 11½¢ per lb.

ST. LOUIS: 10,000 lbs. Ark. reported arrived during past month. Very slight improvement in demand. Market still dull. Sales to jobbers - few sales reported -

EXTRACTED: Per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa 11¢. Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 12-13¢.

COMB: 24-section cases California and Colorado, White mixed flavors $5.50-6.00.

BEESWAX: 1,500 pounds received during past month. Buyers quoting 25¢ per lb. for ungraded country run wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Domestic: Demand and movement moderate, market dull. Per lb., Nevada, Water White Clover 12-12½¢. California, Star Thistle 12½-13½¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 9¢, Honey Dew for cooking and manufacture 6-7¢. Hawaiian, demand and movement good, Light Amber 7½¢, Water White 8¢, White 7 3/4¢.

COMB: Nevada, Clover No. 1, $5.25 per case.

BEESWAX: Hawaiian, 26-27¢ per lb.

IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JULY, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Italy	673	117
England	1,068	240
Canada	1,260	193
Mexico	27,710	1,290
Other British West Indies	4,992	240
Dominican Republic	5,924	219
Hongkong	98	17
TOTAL	41,725	2,316

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING JULY, 1924

Porto Rico	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	106,672	6,267
Hawaii	53,608	2,631

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING JULY, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Denmark	11,400	1,506
Finland	25,384	1,997
France	380	55
Germany	11,400	802
Netherlands	5,511	393
Norway	120	25
Sweden	1,000	100
England	120	16
Scotland	36,000	5,040
Canada	1,040	131
Honduras	121	25
Jamaica	540	34
Cuba	296	29
Peru	60	16
British India	882	260
Straits Settlements	80	24
China	576	168
French Indo-China	528	154
Hongkong	576	171
Philippine Islands	1,566	306
TOTAL	97,580	11,252

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JULY, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
Belgium	44,156
France	3,307
Germany	112,362
Spain	15,668
Turkey in Europe	4,322
England	6,279
Panama	691
Mexico	65
Cuba	25,057
Dominican Republic	17,139
Haiti	300
Brazil	35,500
Chile	42,599
Aden	2,800
Hongkong	80
Egypt	3,684
TOTAL	314,009

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTI RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING JULY, 1924

	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	200	40
Hawaii	-	-

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING JULY, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds
Canada	2,125
Panama	5
Mexico	221
New Zealand	400
TOTAL	2,751

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THE HONEY INDUSTRY OF MANITOBA

From John G. Erhardt, Consul in Charge, Winnipeg, Canada, July 28, 1924.

According to official figures, Canada exported to the United Kingdom from January 1 to the end of May, 1924, 411,790 pounds of honey valued at $46,422. During the same period, her total exports were 438,885 pounds valued at $49,887. In 1923, Canada exported 1,091 pounds to the United Kingdom, and in 1922 only 162 pounds, and her total export shipments to all countries in neither year exceeded 25,000 pounds. Canada is herself a great consumer of honey and imports considerable honey.

The export shipments of honey from Canada this year seem to indicate a new trend in the honey industry of Canada, which seems to be due to the aggressive methods of the Manitoba Provincial Government in stimulating beekeeping in Manitoba, resulting in an increased production of Manitoba honey. Manitoba has in the past received a large amount of its supply from the eastern provinces. But with the increased production in Manitoba, the eastern provinces seem convinced that their market in Manitoba is going, and according to present official export figures, have shifted to the United Kingdom as a future market.

GOVERNMENTAL AID GIVEN IN MANITOBA.

The efforts of the Dominion and Provincial Governments, especially the latter, to increase the honey production in Manitoba are in conformity with their plans to educate farmers to the benefits of diversified farming. Through the initiative of the provincial Agricultural Department, there have been imported in the past few years from Texas, California, Alabama and North Carolina, about 10,000 packages of bees each spring. Comb shipments are prohibited by law. The bees on arrival are distributed to the various purchasers as speedily as possible.

CLIMATE OF MANITOBA.

Manitoba is especially adapted to honey production because of the presence of large numbers of wild flowers bearing honey producing nectar. The most important honey and pollen plants of Manitoba are clovers, goldenrods, asters, dandelions, willow, fruit bloom, thistles, mustards, snow berry, basswood, fire weed, raspberry, and pollen producing trees such as oak and poplars.

CLIMATE AS AFFECTING WINTER QUARTERS OF BEES.

The climate being rigorous the principal way of wintering bees in Manitoba is in cellars and basements. This usually takes place about the last week in November. It is endeavored to approximate ideal winter conditions by having the temperature of the cellar at 45 degrees F. and free from dampness, with proper ventilation and total darkness and quiet. The average loss is about one-sixth of the colony each winter.

HONEY CROP OF MANITOBA.

Although this year's crop will not be as good as that of 1923, it is maintained that the honey crop of Manitoba is increasing at the rate of one million pounds a year. In 1921 the crop aggregated 194,000 pounds; in 1922, 1,000,800 pounds; and in 1923, 3,041,712 pounds, which latter crop was valued at $456,256, or 15 cents per pound on the farms. The average yield per hive in 1923 was 126 pounds. It is said that there are now 28,000 hives in the province of Manitoba, and the production has been raised 56 pounds per colony since the Provincial Government began its campaign of education. Officials are so optimistic that it is stated that in ten years Manitoba will produce sufficient honey for its own needs taking into consideration an increasing consumption.

CONSUMPTION.

Manitoba is considered a good honey market, for though fruit is grown in increasing quantities, it still imports the bulk of its fruit, and when fruit is scarce, honey is substituted by the consumer.

MARKETING. The Manitoba Honey Producers Association has been organized in Winnipeg with The Manitoba Honey Producers Association has been organized in Winnipeg with a secretary who is affiliated with Extension Department of the Manitoba Agricultural College. This organization will act in cooperation with the Manitoba Beekeepers Association. The latter organization has been very active in the past in bettering the conditions of the industry. It is the function of the former organization, however, to make the marketing of honey more profitable to the producer. Both organizations will be effectively assisted by the Bee Division of the Agricultural Experiment stations maintained by the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

PACKING.

Honey is packed in tons, 2½, 5, 10 and 60 pounds, and then into cases weighing approximately 60 pounds. There are thus twenty four 2½ pound tins to the case.

DUTY ON IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES.

According to Tariff Item 108, of the Canadian Customs Tariff, honey in the comb or otherwise, and imitations thereof, are dutiable under the British preferential tariff two cents, intermediate 2½¢ and general 3¢ per pound.

Bees are duty free.

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HONEY NO. 152

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of September):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Bees generally well supplied for winter. Some are still gathering a small surplus from blue gum, blue curl, etc. Much American foulbrood reported. Both here and in the northern part of the state it is claimed that much honey is being shipped in from the Mountain States and the Northwest and sold more cheaply than local producers are asking. Light Amber Sage has sold in ton lots at 10¢ per lb., Amber various flavors 8½¢. Buyers offering 12 -13¢ per pound for new White Orange honey. Beeswax has sold at 22-23¢ per lb. A carlot of Light Amber Alfalfa sold f.o.b. the Imperial Valley at 7 5/8¢ per lb; 2 cars at 7½.

Northern California - This year's Star Thistle honey, which has just been extracted, is reported not quite so bright in color as last season's. The crop is estimated as ¼ to 1/3 of normal. Some honey-dew honey is being secured from the oaks. Most bees are expected to have sufficient stores for the winter. Last year's Star Thistle honey is selling for 8-9¢ per lb. for the better grades. Growers generally asking 10-11¢ per lb. for best grade 1924 honey; some low as 9¢ per lb. in carlots. Beeswax is selling at 21-25¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Heavy flow now on in Eastern Washington from third crop alfalfa. In Eastern Oregon bees worked well on second crop alfalfa. The present outlook is that winter stores will be ample, and that there will be many young bees to go into winter quarters. White Alfalfa has sold, extracted, 60-lb. cans 11-12½¢, ton lots 10-10½¢, small pails 12-16¢ per lb.; comb $5.50 per 24-section case. Extracted Light Amber Alfalfa sold in ton lots at 9½-10¢, 1 carlot 9 1/3¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: The main crop is now nearly all extracted, but bees are still working on sweet clover and other plants when there is bloom, for winter stores. The drouth has killed some sweet clover, especially in Idaho, where conditions are unusually spotted. In all states, however, the yield was spotted, some beekeepers getting a good crop while others will have to feed. In Montana the bees are reported strong and heavy with stores. The crop in Western Colorado appears smaller than was first estimated, and many beekeepers must feed for winter. Other parts of the state, however, report bees in fine shape and brooding up heavily for the time of year. In New Mexico, the crop ranges from ¼ to a full crop.

Inquiry for carlots has been abundant, but price offered has generally been 8½¢ per lb. for extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, and most beekeepers are holding for 9¢ per lb. or higher. Numerous carloads, however, have been reported sold at the following figures: 8½¢, 8 3/4¢, 9¢, 9½¢, and 10¢ per lb. Single 60s sold at 10-12¢, ton lots 8½-11¢, small pails 11-13¢ per lb. Light Amber extracted, single 60s 9-11¢, small pails 10¢ per lb. Comb, White Alfalfa, White Sweet Clover, or mixed, has sold in carlots at $4.00, $4.50, $4.75 and $5.00 per case for fancy; $3.80, $4.00, $4.25, $4.50, $4.60 for choice, small lots fancy $4.75 per case; one sale reported of $3.75 per case for No. 1, $3.25 for No. 2; White to Light Amber, No. 1, $4.75, No. 2, $4.00 per case. Beeswax, 20¢ per lb. cash, 22¢ in trade.

ARIZONA POINTS: Practically no flow for a month, account dry, hot weather. Some beekeepers have done well, but the crop as a whole is short. The Alfalfa honey is said to be of the best quality in years. One carlot Amber extracted sold at 7¼¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: Due to dry weather, bees are storing almost no nectar, except a little from cotton, and even that is short. Broomweed is in bloom, but needs rain to make it yield nectar. Little fall honey can be secured without rain. Beekeepers are arranging honey displays at several county fairs. Few sales honey reported. Beeswax has sold at 22¢ cash for light, 25¢ in trade, 18-20¢ per lb. for dark.

PLAINS AREA: A yield much above that of last year seems generally assured. A good fall flow is anticipated in some sections from heartsease and other plants. Both plants and colonies are in good condition. Demand reported unusually good. Carlot sales extracted White Clover and White Sweet Clover reported at 9¢, 9½¢ and 10¢, single 60s 10-12½¢, ton lots 11¢ per lb. White comb, $4.80-5.00 per 24-section case.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: In Ohio cool weather has stopped the extended flow from alsike. Michigan and Wisconsin report smaller crops of white honey on the average than last year. Prospects are that fall flow will be light unless it warms up, and that some feeding back will be necessary. Comb crop very short. Clover looks very promising for next year.

Demand has been good, and honey has been moving well. White Clover and Basswood extracted has sold in carlots at 9¼¢ and 10¢ per lb., with several cars at 9½¢ per lb., ton lots 9½-12½¢, single 60s 12-15¢, small pails, wholesale 12-16¢ per lb. White comb, fancy and No. 1 has sold at $4.50-5.50 per 24-section case, few No. 1 at $4.25, mostly around $5.00, No. 2, $3.75-4.50 per case. Beeswax, 26-27¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Following a light crop of white honey, cold, wet or cloudy weather prevented bees from working much on buckwheat, and although a few good yields are reported the buckwheat flow will not generally run over ⅓ crop. Asters and goldenrod may provide a surplus, but if not, feeding will have to be resorted to for many bees have not made a living this month. Comb crop very light. Honey is moving well. White Clover and Basswood extracted has sold in ton lots at 10 -13¢ per lb., single 60s 12½-15¢, small pails 14-16¢; Buckwheat, carlot 8½¢, ton lots 8-10¢, single 60s 9½-10¢ per lb. Several cars of white comb have sold, fancy $4.75-5.00, No. 1, $4.35-4.50, No. 2, $3.25-3.50; small lots, mostly $5.00-5.50 per case.

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SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Fall honey plants in Louisiana are far behind normal due to 3 months drouth. Swarms are said to be few and small in numbers also as a result of the poor supply of pollen. There is ample supply of food on the hives, however, and the condition of the bees is good. Queens are not laying much in Georgia, but colonies are generally in good condition. Lack of moisture has cut down the honey flow. Rain also needed in Alabama, but bees are in better shape than last year at this time. Crop outlook good in Florida from wild sunflower, and bees are storing considerable honey on the edge of the Everglades. Amber extracted has sold in barrels at 6-8¢, in cans 8 1/3¢ per lb.; Light Amber in barrels 8-10¢ per lb. Tupelo honey is generally being held for higher prices.

WEST INDIES: Cuba - About 2 cars of Amber extracted have recently been shipped to Holland at 84¢ per gal. including cost and freight. Weather conditions fair, but too early to estimate the crop yield. New honey will be ready in November.

Porto Rico -(Last half of August.) Heavy rains, which are general over the entire island, have damaged the flow in the hill section. A little honey is being extracted from Coast apiaries. Sales in large barrels reported at 76¢ per gal.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
(Market reports are for Sept. 13 or 15)

BOSTON: Equivalent 1 car Porto Rico arrived since last report.

EXTRACTED: Per lb., Sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers - Intermountain, White Clover 13-14¢. Porto Rico, Dark Amber 9-9½¢.

COMB: No sales reported.

CHICAGO: Since last report 4,200 lbs. Wis. arrived. Moderate supplies of comb and extracted. Fair demand for new white comb and extracted, only fair demand for old dark extracted. Market about steady on comb, weaker on extracted.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - per lb., Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan, White Clover and Alfalfa 11-12¢, light and medium Amber mixed flavors 8-9¢, dark mixed 8¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Michigan, 24-section cases White Clover fancy and No. 1, $5.00-5.25, few sales low as $4.50.

BEESWAX: Supplies moderate. Demand and trading light, market slightly stronger. Illinois, light 28-30¢, fancy 32¢, dark 25-27¢ per lb.

DENVER: Demand moderate, market about steady. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 13¢, Light Amber, old crop, 12¢.

COMB: Sales to jobbers - Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $5.40, choice $4.90.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market dull. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa, fancy mostly $5.25, No. 1, $5.00, No. 2, $4.75.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand light, market steady.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Minnesota and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, $5.50-6.00. Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $5.50.

EXTRACTED: Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers - in 5-gal. lots or more, per lb., Minnesota and Iowa, White Clover 12½-13¢. Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 13¢.

NEW YORK: Since last report 57 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. Domestic receipts moderate. Demand slow, market dull, little change in prices.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers - Domestic, per lb., New York, White Clover 11-12¢. California, supplies very light, Light Amber Sage 12½-13¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 11-12¢. Florida, White Tupelo 13-14¢, Light Amber 10-11¢. Porto Rico, mostly 90¢ per gal.

COMB: Eastern, 24-section cases fancy $5.50, No. 1, $5.00.

BEESWAX: Since last report 134 bags, 10 bbls. Brazil, 101 bags Chile, 4 bags Egypt arrived. Supplies light. Demand moderate, market firm. Per lb., West Indies, dark mostly 25¢. Africa, dark mostly 27¢. Chili, light 30¢. West Indies, light 29-30¢. Brazil, light mostly 31¢. Cuba, yellow 30¢.

PHILADELPHIA: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies about moderate. Demand and market shows improvement.

EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers, confectioners and bakers - Porto Rico, barrels Light Amber 95¢, Amber 92¢ per gal. New York, 60-lb. cans White Clover 13¢ per lb., Buckwheat 9½¢ per lb. Florida, barrels Light Amber fancy 97¢ per gal.

ST. LOUIS: No large arrivals since last report, but dealers report movement expected the latter part of this month. Demand and movement of old stocks that have been carried for some time is very slow. Market reported as only nominal, with quotations as follows:

EXTRACTED: California, Light Amber Alfalfa, and Colorado, White Sweet Clover, 10-11¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover $5.50-6.00.

BEESWAX: 141 lbs. received since last report. Buyers paying 25¢ per lb. for country run ungraded wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Demand and trading moderate. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Per lb., Idaho and Nevada, White Sweet Clover 12-12½¢. California, White Star Thistle 12½-13½¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 7½-8½¢. Some White Orange 14-14½¢. Hawaiian, supplies limited, demand good, Light Amber 7½¢, Water White 8¢.

COMB: Demand good. Nevada and Idaho, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover $5.50.

BEESWAX: 26-27¢ per lb.

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HONEY NO. 153

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of September):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Nectar flow generally over until bees work on willows in December or January. Bees that can still work on blue curl, etc., will be in fine shape for next year's orange flow. Taking a lesson from last year's experience, many beekeepers are taking better care of their bees than usual. Owing to lack of rain, honey plants are generally in poor condition. Demand has been good from Eastern states, especially for White Orange, which is now scarce. White extracted has sold in ton lots at 12-14¢ per lb., Light Amber 9-11¢ per lb. Yellow wax has moved at 22-26¢ per lb., mostly around 23¢. Light Amber Alfalfa is getting cleaned up in the Imperial Valley. Two cars sold recently at 8 5/8¢ per lb. and the remainder is being held for 8½¢ per lb. or higher.

Central California - The alfalfa crop is reported close to normal. Light Amber Alfalfa is held in carlots at 8¢ per lb. 1 car, reported as vegetable honey, sold at 7½¢ per lb.

Northern California - Extracting is now about over - a very short crop. Some of the Thistle honey was darkened in color by the unexpectedly early honey dew flow from river botton oaks. Very few sales reported. White Star Thistle is moving in small quantities around 11¢ per lb., Light Amber 9¢ per lb.; mixed Thistle and Alfalfa is selling around 8½¢ per lb. A sale of last year's light colored Thistle reported at 8 3/4¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Bees have finished storing surplus for the season, but queens are still laying heavily. There has been a good fall flow in spite of the dry weather. Demand good. Sales of White Alfalfa reported in 60-lb. cans at 11¢, ton lots 10-10½¢ Light Amber Alfalfa, 60-lb. cans 10¢, ton lots 9-10¢, 1 carlot 8 3/5¢, small pails 10-12½¢. Few sales No. 1 White comb reported at $5.00 per case.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Heavy frosts have been frequent, and extracting is completed. Colonies are generally in good condition, as to both young bees and honey, for going into winter. Considerable brood was raised late in the season. The honey is of unusually heavy body, some weighing more than 12½ lbs. to the gallon. Dry weather may have harmed plant prospects for next season.

A very good inquiry has been reported for honey, and while in many cases this has not resulted in orders, nevertheless a large number of cars have been sold in this 2-weeks period. At least 10 cars of extracted White Sweet Clover have sold at 9¢ per lb., and other cars at 8½¢, 8 3/4¢, 9¼¢, 9½¢ per lb. Ton lots moved at 8½-10½¢, single 60s at 10-11¼¢, and small pails at 11-14¢ per lb. Sales at interior points in various amounts ranged as low as 6 2/3-7½¢ per lb. Carlots and ton lots of Light Amber sold at 8½¢ per lb. White comb has sold at a very wide range of prices, in carlots and less, as follows: fancy and No. 1, $3.75-5.00; choice and No. 2, $3.25-$4.55 per case. Two cars of all grades were reported sold at flat prices of $4.40 and $4.50 per case. Beeswax 20-22¢ per lb.

ARIZONA POINTS: Hot, dry weather brought honey flow to an early close. Many colonies are short of winter stores; bees on open desert are especially light in honey. Carlot inquiries reported numerous, but not much honey remains unsold. One car Light Amber extracted sold at 8¢, ton lot 8½¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: On account of the hot, dry weather, honey plants in most sections have produced little nectar for several months, and bees have been inactive. Recently, however, rain has fallen in some areas, and queens are laying. Prices are lower than in early spring, but demand is now fairly good. Straight cotton honey has sold, extracted, 60s 10¢, small pails 10-12½¢, bulk comb 12½-15¢ per lb. Other honeys, extracted 60-lb. cans White 13, Light Amber 8-12¢, small pails, White 14-15¢, Light Amber 9-12¢; bulk comb, White or Light Amber 12-15¢, some 16-17¢ per lb. Light beeswax 20-25¢ per lb., dark 18-20¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: A little nectar is still coming in on warm days, but the fall flow was lighter than had been expected. Bees are in good condition for winter except that foulbrood is reported to be bad in some sections. Honey plants should be good next season. Ton lots of White extracted have sold for 9-10¢ per lb., single 60s 10-12¢, few 15¢, small pails 12-16¢. Light Amber, 60-lb. cans 10¢. White comb, fancy and No. 1, $4.00-5.25 per case.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Cold, wet weather made the fall flow very light although a few reporters state that bees are still working lightly on asters and buckwheat. Many colonies will have to be fed. Queens are laying, and colonies are generally in good condition except that some beekeepers are worried over American foulbrood. Extracting this year has been much later than usual; and some beekeepers who extracted early are having trouble with unripe honey.

Demand has been very good, and some beekeepers have largely sold out, especially of comb honey. Prices are reported stiffening a little. Several carloads of White Clover have sold at 9½¢ per lb., one at 10¢, car Basswood and Sweet Clover at 9¢, 1 car fine White 12¢, ton lots White Clover 9¼-13¢, single 60s 12-15¢, small pails 13-1[illegible] Ton lots dark extracted 10¢. White comb No. 1 and fancy $4.50-5.50 per case, No. 2 and ungraded $3.50-4.00 per case.

WEST INDIES: Porto Rico - Honey is coming in more freely on the northern coast, but continuous rainy days and heavy winds are affecting honey production. Some exporters are shipping large amounts on consignment, and others are sharply underquoting the market, resulting in some sales low as 62¢ per gal. in large barrels.

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Cuba - Rains have been abundant over the Island. Sales by beekeepers reported at 65¢ per gal. in barrels of 600 lbs. Export sales reported at 83-84¢ per gal. to Holland, including cost and freight.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Fall flow has been spotted, some bees getting much less than usual, requiring feeding, while others have secured a good flow from goldenrod, heartsease and asters. Clover looks good for 1925. Colonies are generally well stocked with young bees. Extracted honey has been selling well, and comb honey has been moving unusually well. White Clover has sold in ton lots at 10-12¢ per lb., single 60s 12½-13¢; Buckwheat, ton lots 8½-10¢, single 60s 10-11¢, 2 carlots 9¢ per lb. Comb honey, fancy and No. 1, $4.50-5.25 per case, some No. 1, $4.25, No. 2, $3.25-4.25, Dark No. 1, $4.00 per case.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Bees in Louisiana are storing nectar and pollen heavily from heartsease, goldenrod, andother fall plants. In Georgia, continued cloudiness and cool weather have restricted bees to hives a good deal, but the flow from Mexican Clover and velvet beans is expected to furnish abundant winter stores. Florida beekeepers hope for a good flow in October. Demand has been good, and the bulk of the crop has been sold. White extracted in 60-lb. cans has sold at 12½-15¢ per lb., Light Amber in barrels 8-10¢, Amber 6-8 1/3¢ per lb. Fancy comb has sold at $5.00, No. 1, $4.50 per case.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

(Market reports are for September 30)

BOSTON: Since last report 1 car Porto Rico, 1 car Colo. and 8 cases Vt. comb arrived. EXTRACTED: Per lb., Sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers - prices unchanged, Intermountain, White Clover 13-14¢. Porto Rico, Dark Amber 9-9½¢. COMB: Demand moderate, market firm. Sales by receivers to retailers - Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock White Clover 14-oz. $6.00, 12-oz. $5.00, 10-oz. $4.50. New York stock cleaned up.

CHICAGO: Arrivals since last report: 4,700 lbs. Wis., 2,600 lbs. Ill., 178,000 lbs. Nebr., 105,000 lbs. Ia. Moderate supplies of honey on market. Demand improving for both white comb and extracted. Trading fair. Market about steady with a stronger undertone. Per lb. EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan, Alfalfa and White Clover 11-12¢, mostly 11¢, Light and Medium Amber mixed flavors 9-10¢, darker mixed 8-9¢. COMB: Sales to retailers - Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Michigan, 24-section cases White Clover fancy and No. 1, $5.00-5.25, few sales at $4.75, poorly filled combs $3.50-4.25, according to quality. Colorado and Montana, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover $5.25 per case. BEESWAX: Demand light, market steady. Trading light. Illinois, light 28-30¢, fancy 32-33¢, dark 25-27¢ per lb.

DENVER: Demand moderate, market steady, prices unchanged. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 13¢, Light Amber, old crop 12¢. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $5.40, choice $4.90.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand improving market slightly stronger. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa old stock 12½¢. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa old stock fancy $5.50 No. 1, $5.25, No. 2, $5.00, new stock fancy $5.75, No. 1, $5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL: No carlot arrivals since last report. Demand slow, market weaker. COMB: Supplies moderate. Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Minnesota and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, $4.75-5.25, No. 2, $4.50-4.75. EXTRACTED: Supplies light. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers - per lb., Minnesota, Iowa and North Dakota, White Clover 11-12½¢.

NEW YORK: Since last report 372 bbls., 50 cases Porto Rico, 33 cases Greece, 7 cases St. Lucia arrived. EXTRACTED: Receipts moderate. Demand moderate, market about steady. Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers - New York, White Clover 11-13¢, Buckwheat 10¢ per lb. California, Light Amber Sage 11½-13¢ per lb. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 11-12¢ per lb. Florida, White Tupelo 12-13 Light Amber 10-11¢ per lb. Porto Rico, mostly 90¢ per gal. COMB: Supplies very light. Market stronger. New York, 24-section cases fancy $6.50, No. 1, $6.00. BEESWAX: Since last report 12 bags Cuba, 20 cases France, 10 bags Egypt, 218 bags Brazil, 33 bags Santo Domingo, 10 seroons Santo Domingo, 13 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. Supplies light. Demand moderate, market about steady. West Indies, dark mostly 27¢, Africa, dark 29¢. Chile, light mostly 30¢. West Indies, light 30¢. Brazil, 30-31¢. Cuba, yellow 30¢, all per lb.

PHILADELPHIA: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies of extracted light. Demand limited, trading light, practically no change in prices. EXTRACTED: Sales to manufacturers, confectioners and bakers - Porto Rico, barrels Light Amber 95¢, Amber 92¢ per gal. New York, 60-lb. cans White Clover 13¢ per lb., Buckwheat 9½¢ per lb. Florida, barrels Light Amber fancy 97¢ per gal. COMB: Eastern, 24-section cases No. 1 $6.25, No. 2, $5.25. BEESWAX: Buyers paying around 27¢ per lb. for country run wax.

ST. LOUIS: Approximately 10,000 lbs. received since last report, mostly from nearby points and Michigan. Demand and movement fair to good, market steady. EXTRACTED: Per lb., Colorado, Light Amber Alfalfa in 5-gal. cans 10-10½¢. COMB: 24-section cases mixed flavors Colorado, light $5.00, Missouri and Arkansas, dark $4.00-4.50. BEESWAX: 13[illegible] lbs. reported arrived since last report for which dealers paid 25¢ per lb. for country run ungraded wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies light. Demand and trading slow, market about steady. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: Idaho and Nevada, Water White Sweet Clover 12-12½¢. California, Star Thistle 10-10½¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 7½-8½¢, White Orange 14½-15¢. Hawaii, Light Amber 7½¢, Water White 8¢. COMB: Nevada and Idaho, White Sweet Clover $5.50 per case. BEESWAX: 26-27¢ per lb.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING AUGUST, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY
	Pounds
France	100
Canada	2,369
Mexico	2,270
Dominican Republic	14,400
Palestine and Syria	38
TOTAL	19,177

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING AUGUST, 1924

	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Porto Rico	519,487	32,156
Hawaii	41,984	2,344

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING AUGUST, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Germany	35,420	2,534
Italy	9,730	650
Netherlands	28,900	2,730
Norway	9,600	1,404
Sweden	4,000	473
England	63,130	6,627
Scotland	6,000	532
Canada	2,119	413
Honduras	30	5
Nicaragua	15	3
Panama	120	23
Mexico	73	10
Bermuda	80	25
Cuba	315	46
Colombia	225	56
Peru	54	18
British India	249	84
Ceylon	63	22
Straits Settlements	106	35
China	792	234
Java and Madura	945	285
Other Dutch East Indies	24	7
Hongkong	215	65
Japan	245	49
Kwantung leased territory	72	21
Philippine Islands	879	335
Canary Islands	3,283	351
TOTAL	166,684	17,037

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING AUGUST, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Italy	3,026	706
Turkey in Europe	5,046	1,383
England	14,257	4,112
Mexico	65	13
Cuba	28,919	7,935
Dominican Republic	14,763	3,135
Brazil	26,473	6,675
Chile	949	279
Egypt	4,770	1,566
TOTAL	98,868	25,804

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING AUGUST, 1924

	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Porto Rico	289	47
Hawaii	460	90

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING AUGUST, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
England	1,166	548
Canada	2,898	1,209
Panama	60	33
Mexico	2,230	596
Venezuela	79	33
TOTAL	6,433	2,419

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of October):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Bees in the orange belt are generally in fair shape, although their condition varies greatly with different colonies. Inquiries for honey for export are said to be increasing, but domestic demand is not heavy. Carlot sale White Orange reported at 13¢ per lb., ton lots 12-14¢, single 60s 15¢, Extra Light Amber Orange, ton lots 12½¢. Buyers are offering 10-12¢ per lb. for Light Amber Buckwheat.

Fully 3/4 of the Imperial Valley crop is reported sold. Bees are in fair condition only. There has been little fall flow due to the water shortage; alfalfa has dried up; and cotton has furnished little nectar. Several carlots of Light Amber Alfalfa have sold recently for 7¾¢, few ton lot sales 7 3/4-8¢, but most beekeepers are holding for 8½¢ per lb. or higher. Beeswax is selling for 24¢ per lb.

Northern California - The honey dew flow from river oaks has been the best for several years. It is dark, thick and heavy, and dealers are offering 6½-7¢ per lb. for the honey. The late flow has put colonies generally heavy in stores and in good condition. A 2-inch rain fell Oct. 5, breaking a very long drought. Numerous carlot sales reported, including some to England. Carlots of White Thistle, this year's and last, have sold at 10¢ per lb., Alfalfa and Thistle 9¢, dark 6 3/4¢ per lb., ton lots White Thistle 10-12¢, Light Amber Thistle 8½¢, Extra Light Amber and Light Amber 7½¢, single 60s White Thistle 12¢. Beeswax has sold for 21¢-23 3/4¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Colonies are reported going into winter quarters in good condition. Parts of Washington report comb honey sections poorly filled out, no fancy grade being made. Considerable American foulbrood reported in Oregon. Carlot sales Light Amber Alfalfa reported at 9½-10¢ per lb., ton lots 10¢, single 60s 11¢, small pails 11-15¢, Amber, ton lots 9¼¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Heavy frosts have generally put a stop to nectar-gathering. Condition of bees varies widely. Some have ample stores, but many report shortage of stores. Lack of moisture this year in many sections expected to put honey plants in poor condition for next year.

Carlot inquiry and demand for extracted generally good, and numerous carlot sales have been reported, including some for export. Good demand for comb, but supplies of comb are getting well cleaned up in several sections. Carlot sales reported, per lb., as follows: White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 8¼¢, 8½¢, 8 3/4¢, 9¢, 9¼¢, 9½¢, Light Amber 8-8½¢, ton lots, White 8½-11½¢, Light Amber 8-8½¢, single 60s White 10-13 1/3¢. Carlots White comb reported sold at $5.00 per case for fancy and $4.50 per case for choice. Few small lot sales White comb reported at $4.00-5.00 per case for fancy and No. 1. Beeswax has sold at 20-26¢ per lb.

NEW MEXICO POINTS: This has been the poorest crop ever known in New Mexico. Bees are going into winter heavy in honey but light in bees. Supplies of honey are mostly exhausted.

ARIZONA POINTS: Bees are brooding heavily, but storing little surplus. Demand good, but little honey remains unsold. Few sales single 60s Light Amber extracted reported at 8 1/3¢ per lb.

TEXAS POINTS: Where rains have fallen recently, bees have worked a little on cotton, broom weed, blue and purple sage, and other late plants. Colonies are generally strong and well supplied with stores for winter. Demand good and some beekeepers have advanced extracted prices 2¢ per lb. Few sales reported Light Amber extracted 60-lb. cans 12½-13¢ per lb., small pails 10-15¢, Amber single 60s 10¢, small pails 11¢, bulk comb Light Amber 14-17¢, Amber 12-14¢. Beeswax, light 20-25¢ per lb., dark 18-20¢.

PLAINS AREA: The season is now over, except where bees have a chance to work on hubam clover and other late plants. They are going into winter quarters in good condition, but American foulbrood is troubling some beekeepers. Plant prospects for 1925 are excellent. Honey is moving well. Demand for comb is especially brisk, and stocks are being bought up rapidly. White Clover is moving in carlots and ton lots at 10¢ per lb., some 9½¢, and some ton lots up to 11½¢, single 60s mostly 12-12½¢, small pails 11½-14¢ per lb., Light Amber, ton lots 11½¢ per lb. White Clover comb has sold at around $4.80-5.00 per 24-section case for No. 1, and $4.25 for No. 2; Heartsease and Spanish Needle reported sold at $5.50 for No. 1, $5.00 for No. 2; Partridge Pea and Button Bush $5.00 per case. Beeswax has sold at 25¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Colonies are strong in bees, and generally have sufficient stores for winter. Frequent rains have put clover plants in fine condition for 1925. Honey has been moving in fair volume. Demand excellent for comb, moderate for extracted. Carlots of extracted White Clover have sold at 9½-10¢ per lb., ton lots 10-12½¢, single 60s 10-13 1/3¢, and small pails, wholesale 14-16¢ per lb., Amber, single 60s 11¢, ton lots 9¢, small pails 10¢ per lb. No. 1 and fancy White Clover comb has sold at $4.80-5.50 per case, mostly $5.00, with a few sales at $4.50, No. 2, $4.10; Buckwheat $3.75 per case.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Bees are generally going into winter quarters with ample stores and strong in bees. In favorable sections they are still storing nectar rapidly from goldenrod, asters, and other fall plants. Fall flowers in Florida are just beginning to open. Some breeding is now going on. The small amount of cane syrup on hand is helping the sale of honey. Light Amber in barrels has sold at 7-10¢, mostly 8-9¢ per lb., Amber 6-8¢ per lb.

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NORTHEASTERN STATES: Heavy frosts in Northern New York and Vermont stopped bees working unusually early, and heavy feeding will be necessary; further south bees are still working on asters and have in general a good point of stores. A large amount of American foulbrood has showed up since the Buckwheat flow started. Clover is very vigorous, and the crop outlook for 1925 is good. Demand for honey spotted. Some find it exceptionally good, but most buyers are cautious about purchasing large amounts. Extracted White Clover quoted in ton lots and single 60s at 11-13¢, small pails wholesale 12-14¢ per lb., Light Amber ton lots 10-11¢ per lb.; Buckwheat, ton lots 9-10¢ per lb. White Clover comb has sold at the wide range of $4.35-5.50 per case for No. 1 and fancy, mostly $4.50-5.00 in large lots; $3.75-4.50, mostly $3.75-4.25 per case for No. 2. Buckwheat comb has sold at $3.00-4.50, mostly $3.00-4.00 per case for No

WEST INDIES: Porto Rico - The crop for the year is about all in and most of it has been extracted. The continuous rain has lessened the amount estimated for the year, and a crop ½ to 2/3 of last year's is now predicted. During the week ending Sept. 27, 6,028 gals. were exported. Sales reported around 62¢ per gal. to the beekeeper for honey, and 20-22¢ per lb. for beeswax, c.i.f. ex-dock New York.

Cuba - Conditions show little change, but further inquiries have been received from Belgium.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
(Market reports are for October 13 or 14)

BOSTON: No large arrivals since last report. COMB: Demand moderate, market steady, no change in prices. Sales by receivers to retailers - Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock White Clover 14-oz. $6.00, 12-oz. $5.00, 10-oz. $4.50. EXTRACTED: Stocks small. Demand good, market steady, no change in prices. Per lb., Sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers - Intermountain, White Clover 13-14¢. Porto Rico, Amber 9-9½¢. Brokers quotations delivered Boston - California, Light Amber Sage 12½¢, White Orange 14½¢. Intermountain Section, White Sweet Clover 11¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 9,260 lbs. Wis., 340 lbs. Ia., 2,295 lbs. Minn. and 1 car Utah arrived. Supplies moderate. Demand improving for both comb and extracted, trading fair. Market steady with stronger tendency. EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - per lb., Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota, Alfalfa, White Clover and Basswood White 11½-12½¢, Amber 9½-10¢, Dark 8¢. COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Minnesota, fancy and No. 1 White $5.00-5.25, medium $4.25-4.75, poorly filled combs $3.50-4.25, according to condition, dark comb $3.50-4.00. Colorado and Montana, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover $5.25. BEESWAX: Demand and trading good, market strong. Yellow 30-35¢, 28-30¢ per lb.

DENVER: Demand light, market about steady, no change in prices. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 13¢, Light Amber, old crop 12¢. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $5.40, choice $4.90.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa old stock 12½¢. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa fancy old stock $5.50, No. 1, $5.25, No. 2, $5.00; new stock fancy $5.75, No. 1, $5.50, No. 2, $5.25. COMB:

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market firm. Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Minnesota and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, $5.00-5.50. EXTRACTED: Supplies light. Demand light, market firm. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gal. lots, per lb., Minnesota, Iowa and North Dakota, White Clover 12½-13¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 325 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. Demand moderate, market slightly stronger. Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers - New York, White Clover 11½-13¢, mostly 12½¢, Buckwheat 10¢ per lb. California, Light Amber Sage 11½-13¢, White Orange 14¢ per lb. Idaho, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢ per lb. Florida, White Tupelo 12-14¢, Light Amber 11¢ per lb. Porto Rico, 90-95¢, mostly 90¢ per gal. COMB: Supplies moderate. Wide range in prices. Sales to retailers - New York, 24-section cases White Clover fancy $6.00-6.50, No. 1, $5.50-6.00, mostly $5.50-5.75, No. 2, $5.25-5.50. BEESWAX: Since last report 20 cases France, 25 sacks Chile, 52 bags, 13 seroons, 7 bbls. Santo Domingo arrived. Supplies light. Demand moderate, market firm. Sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade - West Indies, dark mostly 27¢, light 31¢. Africa, dark 29-30¢. Cuba, dark 26¢. Chile, light 30-31¢. Brazil, 30-32¢, mostly 30-31¢. Cuba, yellow 30-31¢, all per lb.

PHILADELPHIA: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and trading limited, market firm but quiet. EXTRACTED: Sales to confectioners and bakers - various varieties Porto Rico, Light Amber 95¢, Amber 92¢ per gal. New York, White Clover 12½¢, Buckwheat 10¢ per lb. Georgia and Florida, barrels Light Amber fancy 97¢ per gal. COMB: Sales to retailers - New York and other eastern, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $6.25, No. 2, $5.25. BEESWAX: Buyers paying around 27¢ per lb. for country run wax.

ST. LOUIS: Arrivals since last report approximate 2 cars comb from Colo. and N.M. and 3 cars extracted from Calif., Mich. and Mo. Supplies liberal. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: California, Light Amber Alfalfa, and Missouri, medium Amber mostly Spanish Needle and Smart Weed in 5-gal. cans 10-12¢ per lb. COMB: 24-section cases, poorly filled, poorly capped, local mixed flavors and Western, mostly Colorado and New Mexico, White Sweet Clover $4.50; few sales Spanish Needle flavor reported as high as $6.00. BEESWAX: Approximately 1,000 lbs. reported arrived since last report for which dealers paid to shippers 24-25¢ per lb. for countryrun ungraded wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies light. Demand and trading improving, market steady. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: per lb., Idaho and Nevada, Water White Sweet Clover 12½-13¢. California, Star Thistle old crop 10-10½¢, new crop 11-11½¢. Light Amber Alfalfa [illegible], White Orange 14½-15¢. Hawaii, supplies limited, nearly all sold, White [illegible] Amber 7 [illegible],

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (last half of October):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Most colonies in the orange belt have ample stores, although many are not sufficiently strong in young bees. American foulbrood is said to be getting bad. Many beekeepers reported anxious to sell, with few buyers in sight. Forest fires throughout the state have been harmful to the pasturage. In the Monterey Division of the Santa Barbara National Forest 30 square miles, mostly sage, have been burned over. The 1924 honey crop has been largely sold. Inquiries from Europe continue. White Orange extracted has sold in ton lots at 13-14¢ per lb., single 60s 15¢. Imperial Valley Light Amber Alfalfa has sold in ton lots and carlots at 7½-7 3/4¢ per lb.

Northern California - Bees will go into winter quarters in better shape than for years past owing to the very late nectar flow. Honey dew flow from river oaks was long and abundant. The demand has recently shown an improvement over that earlier in the season and can be called brisk. Much of the Amber and Light Amber hone has been sold, but many beekeepers, especially the larger ones, are holding Thistle honey for higher prices. Star Thistle is darker than it was last year, and when light is usually mixed with White Sweet Clover or other light honey. Large lot sales White Thistle have been reported at 8½-10¢ per lb., mostly around 10¢, ton lots 10½-11¢, single 60s 12½¢. Dark Thistle has sold down to 7¢ per lb. Several carlots of Light Amber Alfalfa have sold at 7½-7 3/4¢ per lb. Carlots of Dark Amber, containing considerable honey dew from oaks, have sold at 5-7¢ per lb., mostly 6½-7¢, ton lots 7-7½¢. Much of this dark honey has been sold for export. Beeswax has sold at 22¢ per lb. cash, 23¢ per lb. in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: The late honey flow left bees in prime condition, and they are going into winter in good shape. Considerable honey has already been sold, although some beekeepers report slow sales. White Alfalfa extracted has sold in ton lots at 10½-11¢ per lb., single 60s 11-12½¢, small pails 12-14¢, Light Amber ton lots 9-10½¢, small pails 11-12½¢. Light comb, large lots fancy $4.25 per case, No. 1, $4.00, No. 2, $3.75, some small lots No. 1 heavy $4.75-5.00 per case.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: The weather has been unseasonably warm recently. Colonies are generally strong in bees and with fair stores. The extreme drouth has weakened prospects for next year's crop. Demand has shown improvement; the comb crop is getting well cleaned up; and many beekeepers are already sold out on extracted honey. A large number of carlots of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa have sold recently at 9¢, and several cars have moved at 8½¢, 8 3/4¢, 9½¢, and 1 at 10¢ per lb.; ton lots 8½-10½¢, single 60s 9-11¼¢; small pails 10-12¼¢. Carlots White comb reported sold at $5.00 per case for fancy, $4.50 per case for choice; 1 car reported at $4.00 per case for No. 1, $3.10 for No. 2; less carlots, fancy and No. 1, $4.50-5.00, choice $4.50, No. 2 candied $3.00 per case. Beeswax has sold in cash at 22-25¢ per lb., mostly 20-22¢.

ARIZONA: Bees are still gathering pollen and rearing brood. Many are being fed and stores are being consumed heavily. Few sales Light Amber Mesquite and Catclaw, ton lots 8 1/3¢ per lb., single 60s 10¢. Beeswax has sold at 24¢ per lb.

NEW MEXICO: The long-continued drouth still prevails. A light flow continues from cotton and asters. Prospects for next year are bright only in the irrigated districts. Most comb has been cleaned up, and only a small amount of extracted honey remains in the hands of producers. Light Amber bulk comb has sold at 15-17¢ per lb., extracted 12¢ per lb. Comb, white to off color Alfalfa and Sweet Clover, $3.70-4.00 per case.

TEXAS: Goldenrod and aster are yielding considerable nectar for a brief period, and there is some flow from cotton. Scarcity of pollen has weakened colonies in some areas but in general they are strong and have enough stores for winter. There has been little rain since June. Many orders for package bees for delivery next spring have already come in. Demand fairly good for honey and much of the crop has already been sold. Some beekeepers have recently raised their prices. Sales reported of White and Light Amber extracted in 60-lb. cans at 10-11¢ per lb., 6/10s 10-12¢; bulk comb 60s 12¢ per lb., 6/10s 12-16¢ per lb. Light Amber Cotton extracted has sold at 12½¢ per lb. in single 60s, 10-12½¢ in small pails, wholesale. Beeswax, 20-24¢ lb.

PLAINS AREA: Colonies generally have ample stores and are strong in young bees. Plant outlook favorable for next year. Most honey, especially comb, is out of the hands of the small beekeepers; larger producers still have considerable left. White extracted has moved rapidly in carlots and ton lots at 9½-10¢ per lb., single 60s 12½-15¢ per lb., No. 1 White Clover comb has sold at $4.00-5.50 per case, mostly $4.80-5.00; Heartsease and Spanish Needle reported sold at $5.50 per case for No. 1, $5.00 for No. 2; Partridge Pea and Button Bush $5.00 per case.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Due to the warm weather, pollen is still being gathered, and some young queens are laying. Colonies are generally strong in bees, but some are being fed. Clover looks unusually well. Demand is good, and much honey, especially comb, has already passed out of the hands of producers. Prices seem to be stiffening. Several carlots White Clover reported sold at 10¢ per lb., one or two at 10½¢, ton lots 9-12½¢, single 60s 11-15¢, small pails 12-16¢; Light and Dark Amber extracted, ton lots 8-9¢, single 60s 10-11¢, small pails Dark 10¢. Comb No. 1 White Clover has sold at $5.50-5.85, few $5.50-5.75 per case, mostly $4.80-5.00, No. 1 light weight $4.00, dark $3.75 per case.

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NORTHEASTERN STATES: Some bees require feeding for winter, but in general they have more stores than last year and are in better condition. Demand for honey spotted, but it is generally good. Carlots and ton lots White Clover have sold at 9-11½¢ per lb., mostly around 10-11¢, single 60s 12½-15¢, small pails 14-17¢; Buckwheat, carlots and ton lots 7-10¢, mostly 8½-10¢, single 60s 10¢, small pails 13-15¢ per lb. Carrier lots White Clover comb have sold at $4.50-5.50, mostly around $5.00 for No. 1, $4.00-4.50 for No. 2, and No. 1 Buckwheat has sold at $3.25-4.50 per case.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Bees are still busy on goldenrod, Mexican clover, and other fall flowers when weather is favorable. Louisiana beekeepers report the biggest crop of honey in 6 years; good yields reported elsewhere also. Most colonies are well provided with winter stores. Heavy rain storms about Oct. 20 washed away hundreds of hives of bees in Florida. Demand brisk; some beekeepers have sold out and are turning down orders. Light Amber has sold in barrels at 8-10¢ per lb., in 60-lb. cans 10¢, Amber in barrels 6-8¢ per lb., White in cans carlots 11¢, smaller lots 12-12½¢ per lb. No. 1 White comb has sold in carlots at $4.50 per case, less carlots $5.00-5.50, Light Amber $4.50-5.00 per case.

CUBA: A very heavy cyclone on Oct. 19 swept the eastern and western provinces of the Island, causing the loss of many hives and doing much damage to crops. This will delay and reduce the honey output in those provinces. Bids for extracted honey received from Belgium and Holland for Nov. and Dec. shipment of 82-85¢ per gal., including cost, insurance and freight, but no sales reported.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

(Market reports are for October 31)

BOSTON: No large arrivals since last report. Prices unchanged. COMB: Sales by receivers to retailers - Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock White Clover, 14-oz. $6.00, 12-oz. $5.00, 10-oz. $4.50. EXTRACTED: Stocks short. Demand good, market firm. Per lb., Sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers - Intermountain, White Clover 13-14¢. Porto Rico, Amber 9-9½¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Utah, 625 lbs. Minn., 2,650 lbs. Wis., 2,800 lbs. Ill., 3,000 lbs. Ia. arrived. Demand moderate on both comb and extracted. Supplies moderate. Market steady. EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota, Alfalfa, White Clover and Basswood, White 11-12¢, mostly 12¢. Wisconsin, White Clover 12-13¢, Light Amber Clover and Basswood 10¢. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢. COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Minnesota, fancy and No. 1, $4.75-5.25, No. 2, $4.25-4.50, poorly filled combs $3.50-4.25. Colorado, Utah and Montana, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover No. 1, $5.00-5.25. BEESWAX: Demand moderate, market steady. Yellow 30-35¢, dark 28-30¢ per lb.

DENVER: Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 13¢. COMB: Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa fancy $5.40, choice $4.90.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Prices are on old crop, as no new stock on market. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa fancy $5.50, No. 1, $5.25, No. 2, $5.00.

MINNEAPOLIS: No large arrivals since last report. COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market steady. Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, $5.00-5.50. EXTRACTED: Supplies light. Demand light, market steady. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers - per lb., Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and North Dakota, White Clover 12½-13¢, some Light Amber 12¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 18 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. Domestic receipts moderate. Demand moderate, market firm. Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- per lb., New York, White Clover 11½-13¢, mostly 12½¢, Amber 11½-12¢, Buckwheat 10¢. California, Light Amber Sage 11½-13¢, White Orange 13-14¢. Idaho, White Sweet Clover 12-12½¢. Florida, White Tupelo few sales 13¢, Light Amber 10-11¢. Porto Rico, supplies very light, 90-95¢, mostly 90¢ per gal. COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand moderate. Sales to retailers - New York, 24-section cases fancy $6.00-6.50, No. 1, $5.50-6.00, No. 2, $5.00-5.50. BEESWAX: Since last report 85 bags Brazil, 83 bags Cuba, 16 bags San Domingo; 3 boxes Porto Rico, 67 bags Spain, 20 cases France, 34 pkgs. Holland arrived. Supplies light. Demand good, market firm. Sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade - West Indies, light 31¢, dark 26-27¢, mostly 27¢. Africa, 29-30¢. Chile, light 30-34¢, according to quality. Brazil, light 30-32¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Since last report receipts Porto Rico honey light; receipts domestic about moderate. Supplies moderate. Demand and trading somewhat limited, market quiet but firm. EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers, manufacturers, bottlers and bakers - Porto Rico, Light Amber 95¢, Amber 92¢ per gal. Georgia and Florida, barrels Light Amber fancy 97¢ gal. New York, Buckwheat 10¢, White Clover 11-12½¢, best 12-12½¢, various varieties Dark Amber 8½¢. COMB: Sales to jobbers - New York and other Eastern. 24-section cases White Clover fancy $6.25-6.50, No. 1, $5.50, No. 2, $4.50-4.75. BEESWAX: Buyers paying around 27¢ per lb. for country run wax.

ST. LOUIS: No large arrivals reported since last report. Supplies seem sufficient for present needs. Demand moderate but mostly for small lots, market steady. Sales to jobbers - per lb., EXTRACTED: California, Light Amber Alfalfa, and Missouri and Michigan, medium Amber Smartweed and Spanish Needle 10-12¢. COMB: 24-section cases, mostly local and Southern, mixed flavors best light colored, well filled, $5.50, poorly capped and dark colored $4.50. New Mexico, Alfalfa and White Sweet Clover, very few sales $6.00. BEESWAX: Dealers paying 24-25¢ per lb. for country run ungraded.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Demand good, market slightly stronger. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: Utah and Idaho, White Sweet Clover mostly 13¢, White Alfalfa mostly 13¢, Light Amber 9-10¢. Hawaii, supplies limited, White 8¼¢, Water White 8½¢. COMB: Utah and Idaho, 24section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $5.25-5.50. Beeswax: 25-27¢ per lb.

IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING SEPTEMBER, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Greece	3,906	538
Italy	128	23
Canada	7,858	1,163
Mexico	16,053	719
Other British West Indies	810	42
Haiti	143	10
Palestine and Syria	770	152
TOTAL	29,668	2,647

RE-EXPORTS OF HONEY	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
	14,846	1,000

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM HAWAII AND PORTO RICO TO THE U.S. DURING SEPTEMBER, 1924

	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Porto Rico	563,470	35,969
Hawaii	320,987	20,001

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING SEPTEMBER, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Belgium	21,600	2,007
Denmark	6,000	510
France	5,400	360
Germany	133,196	9,938
Netherlands	41,764	3,615
Sweden	600	71
England	79,005	8,316
Scotland	128,087	7,550
Quebec and Ontario	4,592	680
Mexico	866	53
Newfoundland and Labrador	195	41
British India	1,877	611
Ceylon	60	19
Straits Settlement	300	92
China	1,020	311
Hongkong	120	35
Japan	149	28
Philippine Islands	603	188
TOTAL	425,434	34,425

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING SEPTEMBER, 1924

	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
France	8,268	2,261
Germany	529	132
Italy	3,633	846
Netherlands	1,409	432
England	172	81
Mexico	15	4
Cuba	2,104	579
Dominican Republic	23,493	4,738
Haiti	571	96
Virgin Islands of U.S.	3,284	920
Brazil	60,741	13,082
Chile	12,446	3,319
Hongkong	179	100
British East Africa	4,483	1,094
Egypt	3,503	774
TOTAL	124,830	28,458

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING SEPTEMBER, 1924

	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Porto Rico	1,778	231
Hawaii	3,292	1,005

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING SEPTEMBER, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Canada	1,338	385
Nicaragua	10	2
Brazil	50	19
TOTAL	1,398	406

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NOVEMBER 16-22, 1924 - NATIONAL HONEY WEEK

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of November):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - A little rain has fallen lately in some sections; others report no rain yet. The colonies are generally in fair condition, with plenty of stores. One small carlot White Orange reported sold at 14¢ per lb. Most honey in the Imperial Valley is out of the producers' hands. A few ton lots of Light Amber Alfalfa have sold lately at 8¢ per lb. Some shipments have been made of this flavor recently to Germany. Beeswax was sold at 21-25¢ per lb.

Northern California - Bees mostly packed for winter. They are in excellent shape, due to long late flow from river oaks. Early rains put an end to the activities of bees, and placed honey plants in such good shape that the 1925 season should be the best in years. Demand has been good, and many beekeepers, especially the smaller ones, are sold out. Large lots White Thistle quoted at 8½-10¢, single 60s 11¢ per lb.; Light Amber, ton lots 8¢, single 60s 10¢; Amber, ton lots 7¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Comb honey, which is scarce, is in good demand; extracted honey, of a quality above the average, is moving rather slowly. Light colored extracted has sold in ton lots at 9 3/4-10⅔¢ per lb., single 60s up to 12⅓¢, small pails 12-10¢ per lb. One car Light Amber sold at 10¢ per lb., 1 car sold recently at 9¼¢ per lb. for 60s, 10¢ per lb. for 10s and 11¢ per lb. for 5-lb. cans.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Bees are mostly packed for winter, and are generally in good shape, although feeding has been necessary in some sections. Snow has fallen already, and heavy snow in the mountains should provide ample moisture for irrigation in 1925. Condition of honey plants spotted, as some regions have been dry, while others have had good rains.

Honey has not moved quite as briskly in the past two weeks as during the preceding month. Carlot demand for comb rather slow, for extracted good. Several carlots of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa have sold at 9¢ and 9⅔¢ per lb., , two at 8⅔¢ and one at 10¢, ton lots 8-11¢, single 60s 10-13 1/3¢, small pails 10-14¢ per lb. Carlots of Light Amber have sold at 7½-9¢ per lb. Comb honey, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, has moved in carlots at $4.50-5.00 per 24-section case, for fancy and $4.00-4.50 per case for choice. Three carlots, all grades, have sold for a flat price of $4.40 per case. Less carlot sales reported of No. 1 at $4.00 per case, No. 2, $3.70. Sales of beeswax reported at 22-23¢ per lb.

NEW MEXICO: Owing to the late fall, bees are much stronger than they were 6 weeks ago, and they may go into winter strong in bees as well as heavy in honey. Weather very dry. Most honey has been sold.

ARIZONA: Brood-rearing has stopped. Weather remains very dry, and as it is warm, bees are consuming stores very rapidly. Some are starving and considerable feeding is being done. Few sales Light Amber extracted in single 60s reported at 8 1/3-11¢ per lb.

TEXAS: Floral conditions unusually good for the season of year. Colonies are generally going into winter strong in bees and with ample stores,- in better condition than for many years past. Demand has improved, and the honey supply is rapidly becoming exhausted. Sales reported as follows: Extracted Light Amber, 60-lb. cans wide range 8-12¢ per lb., ton lots 10¢, small pails 12-13½¢; dark, 60-lb. cans 7-9¢, small pails 11-12¢; bulk comb, Light Amber 6/10s 14-15¢, 12/5s 15¢, 20/3s 16¢ per lb. Beeswax, light 22-26¢ per lb., dark 20-23¢.

PLAINS AREA: Condition of bees and young plants is above normal, and prospects for next year are excellent. In some sections fall flowwas short and bees will have to be fed, but in general stores are ample. Honey is moving well, and most small beekeepers are sold out. One carlot White Clover reported sold at 9½¢ per lb., 2 cars Light Amber at 10¢; ton lots White 10-11¼¢, Light Amber 10-10 3/4¢, small pails White 11-12½¢, some 15¢ per lb. No. 1 White Clover comb has sold at the wide range of $4.00-5.50 per case, mostly around $4.80-5.00.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Due to the warm weather, consumption of stores has been heavy during the past two months, and heavy feeding will be necessary for many colonies. Pollen came in up to Nov. 6 in Michigan. Outdoor-wintered bees are being packed. Clover in Ohio is suffering badly from the drouth, but in other states it is in good shape for 1925. Inquiries for comb brisk, but little comb is now left unsold. Extracted demand spotted. Many beekeepers are already cleaned up. White Clover extracted has sold in carlots at 10-10⅔¢ per lb., ton lots 10-12½¢, some low as 8¢, single 60s 12-15¢, small pails 12½-14¢ per lb.; dark, ton lots 9¢, 60s and small pails 10¢ per lb. Some off-grade extracted reported sold low as 4¢ per lb. in ton lots. Fancy White comb has sold per case at $5.00-5.75, No. 1, $4.00-5.50, mostly $5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.50. Buckwheat No. 1, $3.75.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Bees are still gathering a little more honey than they are consuming, and are unusually well supplied with stores. Brood-rearing is active; and bees are going into winter in good shape. Crop outlook not bright in Louisiana and Alabama because of long-continued drouth. Light Amber extracted has sold in barrels at 8-10¢ per lb., Amber at 6-8¢, some higher; White Tupelo in ton lots at 11¢ per lb., Light Amber Tupelo at 9¢ per lb. White Comb quoted at $4.50-5.50 per case.

WEST INDIES: Cuba - Weather conditions are improving very slowly, and honey flowers are not yet in bloom. Offers received from Belgium and Holland for Dec.-Jan. shipment at 84-87¢ per gal., including cost and freight. Porto Rico (Last half of Oct.) Late extracting did not come up to expectations and crop is estimated at 1/3 of a normal crop previous to 1921 averages. Prices have stiffened. Extracted is quoted at 72¢ per gal., in 600-lb. bbls.

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NORTHEASTERN STATES: Many bees are already packed for winter. Where fall flowwas light, bees must be fed heavily. Many in Northern New York have already starved, it is reported. In general, however, stores are fairly good. The long-continued drouth is expected to affect next year's clover crop. Comb honey is practically cleaned up, and many beekeepers are unable to fill orders. Large amounts of Buckwheat extracted is being held; but extracted clover honey is rapidly disappearing. It has been estimated that approximately 75% of all this year's honey crop in New York State is out of the producers' hands. White Clover extracted has sold in 60s at 12-14¢, few 15¢ per lb., ton lots 9½-12¢, few 13¢, 1 carlot sold at 11 3/4¢; Light Amber, 60s 11-11½¢ per lb., ton lots 9-10¢. Buckwheat, 60s 10-10½¢. few 12¢, ton lots 8-10¢, carlots 9¢; small pails, Clover and Buckwheat 12-13¢ per lb. No. 1 White Clover comb sold at $4.50-5.50, mostly $5.00 per case, No. 2, $3.50-4.50; No. 1 Buckwheat $3.50-4.25, some high as $5.25, No. 2, $2.75-3.50 per case.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
(Market reports are for Nov. 14 or 15)

BOSTON: Since last report 10 bbls. Porto Rico via N.Y. and 450 cases N.Y. arrived.

COMB: Sales by receivers to retailers - market about steady, demand moderate. Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock White Clover, 14-oz. $6.00, 12-oz. $5.00, 10-oz. $4.25. New York, 24-section cases White Clover $5.50-6.00.

EXTRACTED: Supplies light. Demand good, market stronger, prices higher. Per lb., Sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers - Intermountain, White Clover 14-16¢. Porto Rico, Amber 9½-10¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1,096 lbs. Wis., 192,925 lbs. Wyo. arrived. Demand and trading moderate on both comb and extracted. Supplies moderate. Market on extracted slightly weaker, on comb about steady. Demand and trading slower on beeswax, market slightly weaker.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - Iowa, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Minnesota, Alfalfa and White Clover mostly 11¢, Light Amber mixed flavors mostly 10¢, dark mixed flavors 9-9½¢. Intermountain, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 11½-12¢. Wisconsin, White Basswood and Clover 12-13¢, Light Amber 10¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota and Wisconsin, fancy and No. 1, White Alfalfa and Clover $4.75-5.25, No. 2, $4.00-4.25, Amber $4.00-4.25, poorly filled combs $3.50-4.00. Intermountain, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover $5.00-5.25, mostly $5.25.

BEESWAX: Sales to retailers and manufacturers of electrical supplies, cables and shoe polish - Domestic, crude yellow 32-33¢, dark 28-29¢. allper lb.

DENVER: Demand limited, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers - Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, White 13¢, Light Amber 12¢.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $5.40, choice $5.04.

KANSAS CITY: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers - old stock,

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa fancy $5.50, No. 1, $5.25, No. 2, $5.0

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL: No large arrivals since last report.

COMB: Supplies light. Demand slow, market stronger. Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, $5.50, few $5.75.

EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand light, market steady. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gal. lots or more, per lb., Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and North Dakota, White Clover 12½-13¢, some Light Amber 12¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Receipts moderate. Good export and local demand. Market firm. Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers - per lb., New York, White Clover mostly 12½-13¢, Buckwheat 10¢. California, Light Amber Sage 11½-13¢, White Orange 12½-14½¢. Idaho, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢. Florida, White Tupelo few sales 12-13¢, Light Amber 10-11¢. Porto Rico, supplies light, 90-95¢ per gal.

COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market slightly weaker. Sales to retailers New York, 24-section cases White Clover fancy $6.00-6.25, No. 1, $5.50-5.75, No. 2, $5. $5.25, Buckwheat No. 1, $5.00.

BEESWAX: Since last report 60 cases France 87 pkgs Brazil, 28 pkgs San Domingo arrived. Supplies light. Demand good, market firm. Sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade - West Indies, dark 26-27¢, mostly 27¢. Africa, dark 29-30¢. Cuba, dar 26¢. Chile, light 31-33¢. West Indies, light 31¢. Brazil, light 31-32¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Since last report receipts from Porto Rico light, domestic about moderate Holdover supplies moderate. Demand and trading fair, market quiet but firm.

EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers, manufacturers, bottlers and bakers - Porto Rico, barrels Light Amber 95¢, Amber 92¢ per gal. Georgia and Florida, barrels fancy Light Amber 97¢ per gal. New York, Buckwheat 10¢, White Clover 11-12½¢, best mostly 12-12½¢, various varieties Dark Amber 8½¢ per lb.

COMB: Sales to jobbers - New York and other Eastern, 24-section cases White Clover fancy $6.00-6.50, No. 1, $5.50, No. 2, $4.50-5.00, Buckwheat No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, mostly $4.00, mixed varieties Dark Amber $4.00.

BEESWAX: Buyers paying around 30¢ per lb. for country run wax.

ST. LOUIS: Arrivals since last report approximate 10,000 lbs. extracted from Ia. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement only fair, market about steady. Per lb. EXTRACTE Sales to wholesalers and jobbers - California, Light Amber Alfalfa 11-12¢. Colorado, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢. Local and nearby, mixed flavors mostly Dark Amber 10¢. COMB 24-section cases - Michigan, White Clover and Raspberry No. 1, $6.00. Colorado, White Sweet Clover No. 1, $5.75. Local and nearby points, dark mixed flavors $4.00-4.50.

SAN FRANCISCO: Market steady. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: California, Star Thistle [illegible] medium quality 11-11½¢. Light Amber Alfalfa 8-8½¢.

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HONEY NO. 157

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of November):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California - Light rains during the month have started black sage growing, and buckwheat looks well. Some areas, however, have had no rain yet. It now appears colonies are not in as good condition as indicated in the last report. Many colonies in hands of up-to-date beekeepers do have ample stores; bees in the desert sections in the Southeast have fair stores; but a majority of the colonies in Riverside, Ventura, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, at least, will have to be fed or they will starve. Very little honey now remains in producers' hands. Ton lots and single 60s White Orange have sold at 13½-16¢ per lb., and carlots are quoted at 13-14½¢; Buckwheat, ton lots 10¢ per lb., Light Amber Sage, ton lots 10-12½¢ per lb. Beeswax, 21-25¢ per lb. Carlots are being shipped in from Idaho, Utah and Arizona to supply local demand.

Bees in the Imperial Valley have stopped brood-rearing. Two carlots Light Amber Alfalfa sold early in the month at 7 5/8¢ per lb.; ton lots have moved at 7 7/8¢ per lb. Stocks are getting very low.

Northern California - Abundant rains have fallen and honey plants look promising for 1925. Flow is expected to begin in February. Bees also are in a condition much above normal. Some colonies, however, will require feeding. Most small producers have sold their 1924 crops. A few carlots of Thistle honey are being held for 10-11¢ per lb.; ton lots Light Amber have sold at 8¢ per lb., single 60s 10¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Heavy rain and snowfall insures ample moisture for next season. Little is moving except locally. White Alfalfa has sold in ton lots at 9-9½¢ per lb., single 60s 10-11¢, small pails 11-12¢. Many carlots are being held at 10-11½¢ per lb. One carlot White comb sold at $4.50 per case for fancy, $4.25 for No. 1, and $4.10 per case for No. 2.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: It has been so warm that bees were reported flying late in November. Some require feeding. There has been a moderate inquiry during the past two weeks, but actual sales have been less numerous than earlier in the season. Most "distress" lots have been moved, and carlot holders are now generally asking over 9¢ per lb. for extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa. Several carlot sales have been made at 9¢ per lb., however, one each at 7½¢ and 8½¢, two at 8 3/4¢, and several between 9 and 10¢ per lb. Ton lots have moved at 8-11¢ per lb., single 60s at 9-12½¢, and small pails at 12-15¢ per lb. Carlots of Light Amber sold at 9¢ per lb. Some very dark honey has sold for 7¢ per lb. White comb, which is in very light supply, has moved in carlots and less at $4.35-5.00, mostly $4.90-5.00 per case for No. 1 and $4.00-4.50, mostly $4.40-4.50, per case for No. 2, with two carlot sales reported at $4.00 per case for fancy and No. 1, $3.60-3.70 for choice and No. 2. Off-grade comb has sold at $3.00 per case. Beeswax, 20-24¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: Bees are using up stores rapidly. Some dwindling reported. Rain has fallen over part of the State. Little honey remains unsold. Few sales Light Amber at 9-11¢ per lb. in 60-lb. cans, 15¢ per lb. in small pails.

NEW MEXICO: Weather fine and dry. Most colonies are strong and have ample honey to winter on.

TEXAS: Bees are in good condition and stores are ample. It is very dry in the Central and Southern part of the State, and as a result honey plants there are in rather poor condition. Few large lots of honey remain unsold. Sales reported as follows: extracted, White, 60-lb. cans 10-12¢, ton lots 10¢, small pails 11-14¢; Light Amber, 60s 9-12½¢, ton lots 9¢, small pails mostly 10-13¢ per lb.; Light Amber bulk comb, 6/10s 12-17¢ per lb., mostly 14-15¢. Beeswax, light 25¢, dark 22¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Bees are in good shape in winter quarters. In Iowa lack of rain for 6 weeks has made clover very dry. Stocks are cleaning up rapidly. Ton lots White Clover extracted have sold at 9-11½¢ per lb., carlots 9½¢ per lb.; Light Amber, ton lots 10½¢ per lb. No. 1 White comb has moved at the wide range of $4.00-5.50 per 24-section case, mostly around $5.00.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Many colonies went into winter quarters short in stores. Weather permitted flights until late in November. Comb supplies very short; extracted is cleaning up rapidly. Ton lots of White Clover extracted have sold at 9½-12½¢ per lb., single 60s 10-15¢, mostly 12½-15¢, one carlot 10½¢, small pails 10-16¢ per lb. No. 1 and fancy White comb has sold at $4.80-5.50 per case.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Cellar-wintered bees are just being taken in. Heavy consumption of stores has made feeding necessary in many cases. Little comb remains unsold, and many beekeepers are cleaned up on extracted. Sales of White Clover reported in ton lots at 11-12½¢ per lb., single 60s 12-13¢, few 15¢, 1 carlot at 11 3/4¢, and 1 small car at 11½¢; large lots of Buckwheat have been selling, in kegs and 60-lb. cans, at 8½-10¢, mostly 9¢ per lb. No. 1 White Clover comb has sold at $4.50-5.50, mostly around $5.00 per case, No. 2, $4.25-4.50; No. 1 Buckwheat $3.75-4.00 per case, fancy $4.50, No. 2, $3.25-3.75 per case.

WEST INDIES: Porto Rico (First half of November) Very little of the 1924 honey crop remains unsold. The prevailing price to producers is 72¢ per gal. in 600-lb. bbls. Rains have been general. During October 18,865 gals. were shipped out of the Island, and 7,197 lbs. of beeswax.

Cuba - Two cyclones during the first half of the month did tremendous damage, flooding fields and killing many people. Consequently, the new crop has been coming so slowly in some parts of the country that beekeepers have been unable to start extracting. Beekeepers have been receiving 75¢ per gal.; shippers getting 90¢ per gal., including cost and freight, for shipments to Germany.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Bees in Louisiana have never been in better condition. Colonies in the river sections of the State averaged 100 lbs. during the September and October flow. Some honey is still coming in, and the drouth has not noticeably affected honey plants in the beekeeping part of the state. Lack of rain, however, has probably injured honey plants in Mississippi and Alabama. Bees in these states have ample winter stores, although the surplus yield was light. Colonies in Georgia have plenty of young bees and more honey for stores than necessary. The flow from aster is said to have been one of the best ever known. Fall rains in Florida destroyed so many fall plants that much feeding will be necessary in that State.

Stocks of honey are very light. Light Amber has sold in single 60s at 8-11¢, ton lots 9¼¢, barrels 8-10¢, small pails 12¢, Amber, in bbls., 6-8¢ per lb.; bulk comb (chunk), small pails 13-15¢ per lb. Beeswax 22½-27¢ per lb.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

(Market reports are for Nov. 28-Dec. 1)

CHICAGO: Since last report 70,570 lbs. Utah, 30,000 lbs. unknown, 2,313 lbs. Wis. and 43,700 lbs. Wyo. arrived. Demand and trading slower on both comb and extracted. Supplies liberal. Market slightly weaker. EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota, White Clover and Alfalfa fancy mostly 11¢, No. 1 and Light Amber 10¢, ordinary and dark 8-9¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa mixed 10-11½¢, Light to Medium Amber mostly 10¢. Wisconsin, Alfalfa and White Clover 12-13¢. COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, Alfalfa and White Clover fancy $4.75-5.00, No. 1, $4.50, No. 2 and Light Amber $4.00-4.25, poorly filled or broken and damaged combs $2.50-3.50, according to quality and condition. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa fancy and No. 1, $5.00-5.25, extra fancy $5.50. BEESWAX: Demand and trading moderate, market slightly weaker. Sales to retailers and manufacturers of electrical supplies, cables, shoe polish and dent. supplies - crude yellow mostly 32¢, dark 27-28¢ per lb.

DENVER: Demand moderate, market steady, prices unchanged. EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers - Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, White 13¢, Light Amber 12¢. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $5.40, choice $5.04.

KANSAS CITY: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa, fancy $5.50, No. 1, $5.25, No. 2, $5.00.

PHILADELPHIA: Since last report receipts Porto Rico honey light, domestic only moderate. Holdover supplies about moderate. Demand and trading fair, market quiet but firm, with no change in prices. EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers, manufacturers, bottlers and bakers - Porto Rico, barrels Light Amber 95¢, Amber 92¢ per gal. Georgia and Florida, barrels fancy Light Amber 97¢ per gal. New York, Buckwheat 10¢, White Clover 11-12½¢, best mostly 12-12½¢, various varieties Dark Amber 8½¢ per lb. COMB: Sales to jobbers - New York and other Eastern, 24-section cases White Clover fancy $6.00-6.50, No. 1, $5.50, No. 2, $4.50-5.00, Buckwheat No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, mostly $4.00, mixed varieties Dark Amber $4.00. BEESWAX: Buyers paying around 30¢ per lb. for country run wax.

ST. LOUIS: No large arrivals reported since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and movement slow, market barely steady. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers - EXTRACTED: per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa 11-12¢. Colorado, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢. Local and nearby, mixed flavors Dark Amber 10¢. COMB: 24-section cases, Michigan, Red Raspberry and White Clover $6.00; Colorado, White Sweet Clover $5.75. BEESWAX: No receipts reported since last report. Market nominally 24½¢ per lb. for country run ungraded wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Demand and trading moderate, market slightly stronger. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: Nevada, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 9-9½¢, Amber Alfalfa 7-7½¢. California, Star Thistle 11-12¢. COMB: Nevada, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $5.25-5.50. BEESWAX 27-28¢ per lb.

BOSTON: 1 car Colo. arrived since last report. COMB: Sales by receivers to retailers - market about steady, demand moderate. Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock White Clover, 14-oz. $6.00, 12-oz. $5.00, 10-oz. $4.25. New York, 24-section cases White Clover $5.50-6.00. EXTRACTED: Supplies light. Demand good, market steady. Per lb., sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers - Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 14-16¢. Porto Rico, Amber 9½-10¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 40 bbls. San Domingo, 44 bbls. Porto Rico, 200 cases, 9 bbls. Mexico arrived. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers - per lb., New York, White Clover mostly 13¢, Buckwheat 10¢. California, Light Amber Sage, few sales 13¢. Idaho White Sweet Clover 12½-13¢. Florida, White Tupelo few sales 13¢, Light Amber 10¢. Porto Rico, supply very light, few sales $1.05 per gal. COMB: Supplies limited. Demand moderate, market firm. Sales to retailers - New York, 24-section cases fancy mostly $6.50, few high as $7.00, No. 1, $5.75-6.00; Buckwheat, supplies practically cleaned up. BEESWAX: Since last report 30 pkgs. Porto Rico, 53 bags Cuba, 56 bags China arrived. Supplies very light. Demand good, market advancing. Sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade - very small lot West Indies and Cuba, dark 31-32¢. Africa, dark 33¢. Chile and Brazil, light mostly 36¢.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING OCTOBER, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Azores and Madeira Islands	40	7
Greece	320	36
Italy	136	12
England	5,432	3,256
Canada	13,254	1,694
Salvador	448	45
Mexico	6,539	318
Dominican Republic	3,968	168
Palestine & Syria	990	138
TOTAL	31,127	5,684

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U. S. DURING OCTOBER, 1924

	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	233,065	14,999
Hawaii	244,935	17,739

RE-EXPORTS HONEY	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
	19,029	1,553

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING OCTOBER, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Belgium	50,224	5,108
Denmark	9,140	1,024
Germany	435,793	41,868
Italy	49,429	3,015
Netherlands	269,640	24,699
England	244,110	28,538
Scotland	10,000	1,275
Canada	72,732	14,152
Nicaragua	10	4
Colombia	325	80
Ecuador	60	18
British India	971	318
Ceylon	30	10
Straits Settlements	180	57
China	1,224	392
Java and Madura	558	163
French Indo-China	179	56
Hongkong	120	35
Kwantung, leased territory	48	19
Philippine Islands	4,724	820
Siam	210	66
Canary Islands	3,384	220
TOTAL	1,153,091	121,987

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING OCTOBER, 1924

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Belgium	58,310	13,759
France	6,572	1,958
Italy	2,240	555
Portugal	74,470	19,020
Canada	125	44
Cuba	21,938	5,429
Dominican Republic	19,125	3,926
Brazil	130,684	34,165
Chile	3,200	857
Aden	8,762	2,254
China	600	167
Japan	44,800	6,719
Egypt	7,355	2,104
TOTAL	378,181	90,957

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING OCTOBER, 1924

	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	7,197	1,654
Hawaii	200	48

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EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING OCTOBER, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Italy	254	120
Canada	3,425	1,019
Honduras	16	7
Mexico	556	100
Cuba	150	42
Argentina	200	47
Chile	32	11
Colombia	100	30
Japan	712	336
TOTAL	5,445	1,712

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of December):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. There have been fair rains to date in some sections; others report it continues hot and dry. Eucalyptus is blooming; button sage and buckwheat look well for next year; and alfilarea should bloom in a few weeks. White Orange extracted has sold lightly in ton lots at 14¢ per lb., Light Amber Sage, carlots 10-11¢ per lb. Sage is now practically exhausted. Beeswax, 23-25¢ per lb.

In the Imperial Valley killing frosts have shut off the flow from cotton. Several carlots of Light Amber Alfalfa have sold at 7 5/8-8¼¢ per lb. Only a few carlots now remain to be sold, for which holders are asking 8-8½¢ per lb.

Northern California - Rainfall has been above normal, and plants are looking better than at this time for several years. Very little disease reported. Stores are ample except where beekeepers extracted too closely. Many inquiries for package bees and queens for spring delivery. A number of counties are discontinuing their bee inspectors. White Thistle has sold in ton lots at 10¢ per lb., Amber 7¢. Few cases White comb sold at $4.80 per case. Beeswax, 24¢ per lb. cash, 25¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: The weather has been favorable for bees, and colonies are wintering well. Considerable American foulbrood reported. There will be ample moisture next season. One carlot White extracted shipped to England at 11¢ per lb.; ton lots have sold 9½-10¢, and small pails, wholesale 12½-14¢ per lb. Beeswax, 27¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Parts of Nevada and Utah are still dry, but in general recent heavy falls of snow indicate ample moisture for next season. Until recently, bees were flying every few days, and consuming stores rather heavily.

A slight improvement in inquiry is reported, especially for export, and some honey has been sold for export besides a good many cars for domestic use. The usual carlot price for extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa continues to be 9¢ per lb., and numerous cars have sold at that price. In addition, carlot sales have been reported at 8½¢, 8 7/8¢ and 9 3/4¢ per lb.; ton lots have sold from 8½-11¢ per lb., single 60s at 10-12½¢, and small pails at 11-13¢ per lb. Carlots Light Amber quoted at 8¢ per lb. Carlots of fancy White comb have sold at $4.50-4.75, choice $4.00-4.40 per case; 1 car reported sold fancy $3.45, choice $2.95 per case. Beeswax, 23-25¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: The weather is colder and less honey is being consumed by the bees. Recent light rain will help early flowers. Few sales Light Amber at 11¢ per lb.

TEXAS: The long drought has been broken by light rains over the State, which have started honey plants, but more rain is needed. Colonies are in as good condition as can be expected at this time of year, and have ample stores. Considerable inquiry has been received for package bees for spring delivery, and some orders have been booked already. Few sales reported as follows: extracted, White or Light Amber, 60 lb. cans 10-12¢, 10-lb. pails 12-14¢, mostly 12¢ per lb.; bulk comb, 10-lb. pails mostly 14¢ per lb., 5- and 3-lb. pails, 1¢ and 2¢ per lb. higher, Beeswax, light 25¢, dark 22¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Recent rain and snow has broken the drought and will be helpful for next season's flow. Honey stocks are light. Few sales White Clover, 60s 10-13¢, ton lots 11½¢ per lb., small pails wholesale 12¢ per lb. No. 1 White comb has sold lightly at $5.00-5.50 per case, No. 2, $4.50 per case. Beeswax, 28-30¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Recent heavy rains have helped clover, but more snow is needed to prevent winter-killing. Bees are quiet in the cellars. Flights reported Dec. 8. Large orders reported from the South for queen cages. Most honey has been sold. Few sales extracted White Clover in ton lots reported 10¼-12½¢ per lb., single 60s 10-13¢, one small car 11¢ per lb., small pails 12½-15¢ per lb.; Light Amber mixed 7½-10¢ per lb.; some baking stock sold at 9½¢ per lb. No. 1 White Clover comb sold at $4.00-5.50, mostly $4.50-5.00 per case; No. 2, $4.25-4.50 per case; No. 2 Buckwheat $3.00 per case.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Colonies are strong in young bees and well supplied with stores, much of which, however, is dark honey. Flights reported late as Dec. 9. Continued rain and snow insures plenty of moisture for honey plants. Most small beekeepers are cleaned up of extracted honey, and little comb remains unsold. Few sales reported, extracted, White Clover, ton lots 9½-12½¢, single 60s 13-15¢ per lb., carlots 11 3/4¢, small pails 12-15¢ per lb.; Buckwheat, ton lots 8-9½¢, single 60s 10-11¢ per lb., carlots 9¢ per lb.; White Clover comb, No. 1 and fancy mostly $5.00-5.50 per case; No. 2, $4.00-4.50 per case; Buckwheat No. 1, $4.00 per case. Beeswax, 27-28¢ per lb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Colonies are generally strong in bees and stores. Bees are getting a little pollen in Florida. Ample rains in that State and Georgia will serve to protect swamp plants from fires. Very little honey left. Few sales Light Amber extracted 8 1/3¢ per lb.; White Tupelo, barrel lots 12¢ per lb.; bulk comb (chunk), 60-lb. cans 12½¢, small pails 16¢ per lb.; best comb $5.00 per case.

PORTO RICO: Honey shipments for week ending Nov. 15 were 1,400 gals.; for week ending Nov. 29, 3,828 gals. of honey and 1,890 lbs. beeswax. The demand from the United States is good, but supplies are very light. Extracted in barrels is selling at 75¢ per gal. at port of shipment. Very heavy rains did much damage, but give promise of good yield from coast apiaries next spring.

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P.R.: Crop is even worse than was anticipated. Arrivals from the interior of the Island are very small, and beekeepers generally are much discouraged. One large lot of dark extracted sold in 600-lb. barrels at 90¢ per gal., cost and freight.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
(Market reports are for Dec. 13 or 15)

BOSTON: Since last report 16 bbls. Porto Rico, 56 cases Vt., 50 cases N.Y. arrive COMB: Sales by receivers to retailers - Demand limited; market barely steady on Vermont stock, weaker on New York honey. Vermont, 20-section cases carton stock White Clover, 14-oz. $6.00, 12-oz. $5.00, 10-oz. $4.25. New York, 24-section cases White Clover carton stock 14-oz. $5.00-5.50. EXTRACTED: Supplies light. Demand good, market strong, prices slightly higher. Sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers - per lb., Porto Rico, Amber 10¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 15-17¢. New York, White Clover 16-18¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Colo., 1 car Minn., 1 car Ariz., 1 car Wyo., 2,060 lbs. Nebr. arrived. Supplies moderate. Demand and trading limited on both comb and extracted. Market quite steady with practically no change in prices. EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota, Alfalfa and White Clover fancy 11-11½¢, mostly 11¢, No. 1 and Light Amber mostly 10¢, ordinary and dark 9¢. Intermountain, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed 10-11¢. California, mixed flavors Light to Medium Amber practically cleaned up. Wisconsin, Alfalfa and White Clover mixed 12-13¢. COMB: Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, Alfalfa and White Clover fancy $4.75-5.00, No. 1, $4.50, No. 2 and Light Amber $4.00-4.25, poorly filled or broken and damaged combs $2.50-3.50, according to quality and condition. Intermountain, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover fancy $5.00-5.25, extra fancy few sales $5.50, choice $4.85-5.00. BEESWAX: Sales to retailers and manufacturers of electrical supplies, cables, shoe polish and dental supplies - crude light mostly around 32¢, dark 27-28¢ per lb.

DENVER: Demand better, market steady, prices unchanged. EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers - Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, White 13¢, Light Amber 12¢. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa fancy $5.40, choice $5.04.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa fancy $5.50, No. 1, $5.25, No. 2, $5.00.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL: No large arrivals since last report. COMB: Supplies light. Demand light, market firm. Sales to retailers - 24-section cases Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, $5.00-5.50, few $5.75-6.00. EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market steady. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers - per lb., Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover 12½-13¢, some low as 11½¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 47 bbls. Porto Rico, 60 bbls. San Domingo arrived. Domestic: demand good, market firm. Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers - New York, White Clover 12-13¢, Buckwheat mostly 10¢. California, Light Amber Sage 12-13¢. Idaho, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢. Florida, White Tupelo 13¢, Light Amber mostly 10¢. Porto Rico, supplies very light, market about steady, few sales, mostly $1.05 per gal. COMB: Supplies light. Demand moderate, market firm. Sales to retailers - New York, 24-section cases White Clover fancy mostly $6.50, No. 1, $5.50-6.00, Buckwheat No. 1, $4.75-5.00. BEESWAX: Since last report 87 bbls. Spain, 46 pkgs. Egypt, 55 bags Cuba, 6 bags Porto Rico, 4 seroons San Domingo arrived. Supplies very light. Demand exceeds supply, market stronger. Sales to wholesale manufacturers and drug trade - per lb., very small lots West Indies, dark 29-30¢. Cuba, dark 29-30¢. Africa, light 34¢. Chile, light 37¢. Brazil, light 35-36¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Since last report receipts Porto Rico honey light, domestic about moderate. Holdover supplies about moderate. Demand and trading only fair. Extracted about steady; comb slightly lower. EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers, manufacturers, bottlers and bakers - Porto Rico, barrels Light Amber 95¢, Amber 92¢ per gal. Georgia and Florida, barrels fancy Light Amber 97¢ per gal. New York, per lb., Buckwheat 10¢, White Clover 11-12½¢. COMB: Sales to jobbers - New York and other Eastern, 24-section cases White Clover fancy $5.50-6.00, No. 1, $5.00-5.25, No. 2, $4.50-5.00; Buckwheat No. 1, $4.50-5.00, No. 2, mostly $4.00, mixed varieties Dark Amber $4.00. BEESWAX: Buyers paying around 28-30¢ per lb. for country run wax.

ST. LOUIS: Arrivals since last report include 1 car Colo. and approximately 3,000 lbs. from nearby points. Supplies liberal. Demand for extracted moderate; for comb rather dull. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers - EXTRACTED: per lb., California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10½-11½¢. Colorado, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢. Local and nearby, mixed flavors medium to Dark Amber 9-10¢. COMB: Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Michigan, various flavors 24-section cases $5.00-6.00. BEESWAX: Receipts since last report approximate 575 pounds. Dealers quoting 24½¢ per lb. for country run ungraded wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Demand slightly improving, market firm. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: Nevada, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 9-9½¢ per lb. California, Star Thistle 11-12¢ per lb. COMB: Nevada 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $5.25-5.50. BEESWAX: 27-28¢ per lb.